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## Vernon Delegates Land Transcontinental Road

Coffee and McHugh Telegraphed that Lee Highway Is Routed Through Wilbarger County

Vernon and Wilbarger citizens, as well as the entire citizenship along the proposed southern route of the Lee Highway in southern Oklahoma and Texas are rejoicing today over a signal victory in Washington yesterday when telegraphic advice flashed the news that this section had been chosen as a part of the route for one of the Main streets of America. The directors of the Lee Highway Association assembled at the Nation's Capitol Wednesday, decreed that Vernon shall be on this route.

R. H. Coffee, the recognized leader for Southern Oklahoma and Texas, in the long drawn out fight which resulted in a victory for the southern route, and county Judge E. L. McHugh an ardent supporter of good roads and one of the outstanding figures in Wilbarger county's good roads movement, were the official representatives of the Texas-Oklahoma interests at Washington. They left Vernon for Washington last Sunday night and are expected home next Sunday or Monday.

### A Big Enterprise

The Lee Highway association was organized a few years ago at Okmulgee, Okla., when a few enterprising business and professional men of that section who possessed a vision in keeping with the rapid progress of science and invention that has practically revolutionized passenger transportation in America, following the advent of the motor vehicle, met and decided that a transcontinental highway crossing America through the southern states and extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, would be a means of uniting a vast region in a manner that would ultimately mean that the owner of a jitney could make a motor trip across the continent, a distance of over 2,500 miles, on a hard surfaced pike.

The fact that such a movement had been started in the northern states and had already made enough progress to insure the success of the Lincoln highway, lent courage to the men who were contemplating this move.

When this meeting adjourned the Lee Highway Association had been organized, with a full board of directors and work was immediately begun looking to the county and state organizations, finances, routing, etc., of the road.

### Dr. Johnson Active

Dr. S. M. Johnson of Washington was a charter member of the board of directors, and from the very beginning he was one of the most active individuals in the movement. His deep interest in the enterprise and hard work soon won for him the position as director general of the organization.

At present the road is hard surfaced from New York to the Arkansas line on the eastern end and from San Francisco to New Mexico on the west end of the road. The plan of the directors seems to have been a closing up-the-gap process.

### Vernon Fortunate

The work of the association was necessarily slow, and the enterprise was required to meet and solve from time to time, many difficult problems. The first route designated through southern Oklahoma and Texas ran through Altus, Okla., Childress and westward via Plainview to Roswell, N. M.

One day in June, 1922, R. H. Coffee was in another state on business. On this trip he met a highway official from whom he gained information to the effect that the Lee Highway was not permanently designated over the Childress route. Mr. Coffee immediately began investigations and with the assistance of Jed Morrow, a well informed man on federal highways, he succeeded in getting a hearing from Dr. Johnson which disclosed the status of the Lee Highway through southern Oklahoma and Texas. The telegraph wires were used freely and no time

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## WILBARGER COTTON CROP WILL VALUE OVER \$3,700,000

### Record's Final Report Places 1922 Crop At 27,800 Bales—Local Gins Run Part Of Time

The Record's final ginner's report indicates that 27,800 bales will be ginned in Wilbarger county in 1922, according to statistics gathered from over the county this week.

The total bales ginned in the county to date is 26,628. This figure exceeds that of last season by approximately 3,000 bales. Estimates procured from the various gins indicate that about 1,200 more bales will be ginned this season.

### Value Much Greater

It is estimated that the value of this year's crop will approximate \$3,700,000. This is over \$1,000,000 more than the cotton crop yielded last season, according to the Record's computation. It is expected that bank deposits in the county will probably be 30 per cent to 40 per cent greater on the next call than they were at the same period last year. The county was never in better condition financially, according to local business men and bankers.

The following is a list of the number of bales ginned at the county gins:

Parsley Hill	1,313
Oklahoma	1,610
Rayland	1,725
Harrold	687
Odell	4,309
Tolbert	675
Lockett	2,555
Elliott	570
Fargo	2,191
TOTAL	15,655

The following is the record of the Vernon gins:

Vernon Gin	2,388
Peoples Gin	2,550
Farmers	2,362
E & M	1,073
Planters	2,600
TOTAL	10,973

All of the Vernon gins will run hereafter part time only. They will run Thursday and Friday of next week only.

### Fiddling Party At Howard's

"Sally Goodie" "Turkey in the Straw" "Arkansas Traveler" "Pop Goes the Weasel." Yes! and any old thing you wanted to hear was hearable at the home of Dr. A. P. Howard Wednesday night when some visiting fiddlers joined the local bow artist in an old fashioned fiddling party at the home of the famous Vernon fiddler, Uncle Billie Houghston, Mr. Free and Mr. Cunningham of Chillicothe and A. C. (Sallie) Robertson and Louis Franklin, local fiddlers, were the guests at the Howard home. The Chillicothe fiddlers exhibited a violin 300 years old at the party.

### VICTOR BERGER CALLS AT WHITE HOUSE



Victor Berger, of Milwaukee, Wis., once expelled from the U. S. House of Representatives, but re-elected on the Socialist ticket, was a recent caller on President Harding at the White House.

## Santa Claus Writes Wilbarger Folk a Letter Today

Via Radio from Santa Claus to the inhabitants of Wilbarger county:

My Dear Folks:

"Owing to the rush of orders and requests to serve you all, I must have a little help.

"So show early. In fact you will have a greater stock from which to select. Start now."

Santa.

## MAY CONSOLIDATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

### ELLIOTT, GUYER, THOMPSON AND EL RENO INVOLVED IN PROPOSED PLAN

Consolidation of the Elliott, Guyer, Thompson and El Reno school districts into an independent district which would support a modern urban school was discussed and plans for the merger formulated at a meeting Wednesday night at Elliott. A preliminary meeting held last week at a church building in Elliott when many persons from the four communities expressed themselves as being strongly in favor of the proposed move.

County Superintendent L. A. Hollar was planning to attend the meeting this week. He was unable to be present at the meeting last week, but he is enthusiastic over the prospect of adding another fine rural school to the Wilbarger county system.

Tentative plans for the consolidation which has been the theme of interest for the last two years, include building of an up-to-date school structure of brick construction, to cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000; employment of eight teachers and establishment of transportation facilities for pupils living more than two and a half miles from the school. The location for the building has not been determined, but in case the merger is accomplished it will probably be built in the vicinity of Elliott. A high mound near Elliott is said to offer one of the best natural sites for a school building in the county.

According to figures prepared by County Superintendent Hollar, the consolidation would result in a saving to the four districts, as well as in increased efficiency. Taxable valuation in the four districts, as shown by this year's assessment, are as follows: Guyer, \$211,755; Elliott, \$295,550; Thompson, \$229,314; El Reno, \$146,800; total \$883,419.

The number of pupils enrolled in the districts this year is given as follows: Guyer, 66; Elliott, 89; Thompson, 67; El Reno 51; total, 273.

Ten teachers are employed in the four districts at present, Mr. Hollar stated, while under a consolidated school, eight teachers would be employed and have only 34 pupils each, under the present enrollment.

Guyer has a \$2,000 bond outstanding. Six hundred dollars of this amount has been paid, and Superintendent Hollar estimates that \$300 more can be paid at the close of the present school year. There is a special \$1 local maintenance tax in three of the districts, and a 50 cent special tax in the fourth. Mr. Hollar estimates that the saving in teachers' salaries alone, through the consolidation, would be \$185 per month. All four of the schools have modern equipment, including up-to-date heating plants, he points out, and it would not be necessary to use any of the money from the bond issue to buy fixtures and furnishings.

The assessed valuation of the four districts is more than \$200,000 above that of the Oklahoma district, which has one of the finest schools in this part of Texas. The Oklahoma valuation is \$964,825.

Mr. Hollar states that the belief exists among some patrons of the schools in question that the bond issue will be in addition to the special \$1 school tax. But the law places \$1 as the maximum tax for all school purposes he said.

### BOY TO MR. AND MRS. BEDFORD JOHNSON OF AMARILLO

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bedford Johnson of Amarillo are the parents of a baby boy born yesterday, according to telegraphic advice received by relatives here.

Mr. Johnson is a brother of Les K. Johnson, vice president of the Herring National Bank. Mrs. Johnson is the daughter of the late Judge S. P. Huff. The boy has been named Sterling Huff Johnson.

## Vernon Men In Washington.



E. L. McHUGH, County Judge Wilbarger County



R. H. COFFEE, Chairman Texas-Oklahoma Division

R. H. Coffee was the foremost figure in the fight which resulted in a clean cut victory for the Texas-Oklahoma southern route of the Lee Highway. He has spent the greater part of his time during the past six months in an effort to swing the transcontinental road through Wilbarger county.

Judge E. L. McHugh was the principal figure in the county election last year when \$600,000 in road bonds were voted in this county by a majority of over 4 to 1.

Both were in Washington Wednesday when the road was designated through Vernon.

## J. T. J. DUNSON DIES 6 P. M. LAST TUESDAY

### PROMINENT WILBARGER FARMER PASSES AWAY FOLLOWING ILLNESS OF 2 MONTHS

J. T. J. Dunson, prominent farmer living in the White City community, north of Vernon, died last Tuesday at 6:10 p. m., following an illness lasting for several weeks. On October 2 Mr. Dunson had a difficulty with a tenant farmer living on his place, as a result of which he sustained a fractured skull that is said to have caused his death.

The remains were laid to rest in East View cemetery Wednesday at 2 p. m. The funeral services were conducted at the family residence by Rev. F. D. Pearson.

Mr. Dunson was born November 29, 1860 near La Grange, La. His parents died when he was but a small child, and he was raised by an uncle near Alexandria, La.

He was married to Miss Mollie Mahteny December 27, 1883. The couple resided in Louisiana for 17 years, and moved to Wilbarger county January, 18, 1904. He lived in the same community for about 18 years.

He is survived by his wife and four children: Mrs. H. B. Adkins, of Harrold, Mrs. G. W. Riggs of Fort Worth, Marcus M. and Seymour Dunson, who reside in the White City community.

The deceased was a devout member of the Baptist church, and has always been active in the affairs of the organization. He had been a Christian since manhood.

### Bazaar at Harrold

The ladies of the Harrold community are holding a bazaar today and tomorrow. The proceeds are to be used to furnish the school dining room.

## COLLECTOR BLAIR REPORTS PROGRESS

### AUTOMOBILE REGISTERING AND PAYMENT OF TAXES IS VERY BRISK

The busy season at the county tax collector's office is making itself felt, according to Collector Blair. "Automobiles are being registered rapidly and the fact that the laws requires them to be registered this month will make this a busy month," said Mr. Blair today.

The state and county taxes are being paid faster than they were last year.

It is estimated that this year's taxes will produce about 25 per cent more revenue than the amount collected last year, according to Mr. Blair. This fact is due to the \$800,000 road bond issue. Poll taxes are also being paid freely. More women are paying their poll taxes this season that paid last year.

Mr. Blair was in Harrold yesterday. This will be his last official over-the-county trip, it is said.

## WOULD FURNISH CITY WITH ELECTRICITY

### VERNON ELECTRIC AND ICE COMPANY SUBMITS A PROPOSITION.

The Vernon Electric & Ice Company submitted a proposition yesterday to the city commission whereby the company proposes to furnish electric current for the new water supply plant near Condon Springs. The letter to the city officials follows:

Vernon, Tex., Dec. 14, 1922  
Honorable Mayor and Commissioners, City of Vernon, Vernon, Texas.

Re: Electric current for pumping water.

Dear Sirs:

Confirming verbal proposals made to the mayor in behalf of the Vernon Electric and Ice Company, I submit for your consideration the following:

1. This company has ordered a 550 horse power Fulton Diesel Engine in its promised date of shipment from factory in St. Louis January 10, 1923;

2. We are prepared to furnish electric current in sufficient quantity to do all the pumping of water for the City of Vernon, including the proposed increased supply to be taken from near Condon Springs.

3. We can furnish this electric current for two years longer or shorter period as may be agreeable to the city.

5. The rate for this electric current to be the price your own consulting engineer, Major John Hawley, will in writing state as engineer is a fair price for the city to pay.

I am prepared to execute this contract should your Honorable Commission give it favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
VERNON ELECTRIC & ICE CO.

### PLANS FOR POULTRY SHOW BEING RAPIDLY PERFECTED

The annual Wilbarger Poultry Show that will be held in Vernon on Dec. 28, 29 and 30, is attracting wide attention, according to officials of the organization.

"We have put on a new feature to the show this year which is making a hit," said one of the officials today.

The show will be held in the A. F. Peck building on South Main street. The building is already being put in readiness for the show, according to H. D. Hockersmith, secretary of the local organization.

### WILL PLACE LARGE ELECTRIC SIGN AT RAILROAD STATION

Announcement came today from the Vernon Electric and Ice Company that they would install a large electric letter sign near the railroad station as soon as the winning slogan in their campaign was determined.

The local electric company is offering a prize for the best 7 word slogan for Vernon. It is the slogan that the company proposes to use in their sign, should have a slogan. The value of slogans has been proven in other towns," said Mr. Rossman, manager of the new company.

## Record Election Closes Tomorrow Night at 12

### FAIRBANKS ENGINES CONTRACTED FOR BY CITY COMMISSION

### Combined Horse-Power of Both Machines Is 300 ---Local Company Proposition Not Considered

The city officials have contracted to purchase 2 engines from the Fairbanks Morse people to be used in connection with the new water supply now being developed on the city's property near Condon Springs, according to an announcement made by Mayor Harry Mason this morning.

One of the engines will have 200 and the other 100 horse-power capacity. It has not been determined yet whether the engines will be placed at the downtown pumping station or at the Condon Springs property.

### Unlimited Supply

The city has recently developed practically an unlimited supply of water on the 20-acre tract near Condon Springs. A large reservoir is being built on this property. A large main will be laid to supply the city and next summer should find Vernon with enough water to supply a city three or four times as large as Vernon, according to the engineer who tested the water source.

The city commission recently cancelled their order for 8-inch, and re-ordered the 10-inch main. It is estimated that a 10-inch main is capable of transmitting approximately 1,000 gallons of water per minute. The water from the new source is practically 100 per cent pure, according to chemical analysis.

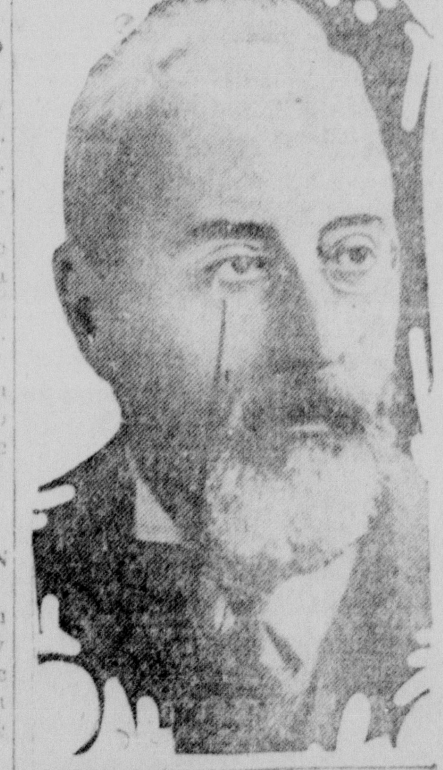
### Proposition Unsatisfactory

In commenting on the proposition of the Vernon Electric and Ice Company submitted to the commission yesterday, whereby that company proposed to furnish the electric power and lights for the new water plant, Mayor Mason said, "The city has no regular consulting engineer. We had Major Hawley employed only for a day or two. Besides the company's proposition was of such a general nature that it failed to furnish sufficient information to enable us to determine whether it was a good or bad one for the city. If the company will submit a proposition to pump the water for so much a day or for a stipulated amount for every 1,000 or 10,000 gallons, the city would be in a position to consider the offer. But we cannot stop to consider so general a proposition as that submitted by Mr. Rossman."

### New Mexico Visitors Here

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Massey of Roswell are visiting their son E. L. Massey in Vernon. They were accompanied by their granddaughter, Mary Catherine Massey, who has been visiting them for several months.

### HEALY MAY BE GOVERNOR-GENERAL FOR IRELAND



Timothy Healy. It is reported in British court circles that Timothy Healy will be appointed as Governor-General of the Irish Free State when the treaties between England and Ireland are ratified.

## Whole County's Interest Aroused—Candidates Making Efforts To Be Declared Winners

With the final hour, 12 o'clock Saturday night emblazoned on their minds, striving scenes are being enacted by candidates in the Record's Great Automobile and Gold Election, now swiftly drawing to a close.

Aroused to unprecedented opportunity of winning two beautiful motor cars and other prizes of big value, every passing hour is instilling new energy to ambitious workers. Every where they are swarming in eager and anxious quest for subscriptions that will win one of the big votes—and in the end one of the big automobiles.

These workers pay no attention to frequent rumors that circulate with the hope of damaging effect—to discourage competitors in the race. Misleading stories have but one effect—influencing some candidate to retire for fear of being passed by some one else in the race. Such tales have no foundation whatever. It is obvious that no one can determine the ultimate result of the campaign.

Courage and downright hustle are the two main things to observe. Votes are the only thing that will win the prizes and every candidate should—and for that matter they are taking upon themselves to annex just as many votes as possible between now and the close.

The road ahead may be strewn with barriers, but these will be of slight consequence to the one who goes steady, fastly onward through the corridors of chance and out into the "Land where happiness lies."

The final and fateful hours of this big race are here. Time waits for no one. In order to win you must get busy in earnest.

All subscriptions deposited in the sealed ballot box must be accompanied by cash, money order or certified check. Personal checks up to \$10.00 are acceptable, providing no two checks are signed by the same party. This rule is made in fairness to all candidates and will be strictly adhered to.

### ELKS WILL REMEMBER POOR CHILDREN CHRISTMAS

It is the purpose of the local Elks to reach every child in Vernon with its Christmas charity work, according to announcement from officials of the lodge.

At the local lodge room a big Christmas tree will be found, and Santa Claus is expected to visit this Christmas tree and leave it full of toys, dolls, nuts and all of those things that gladden the hearts of little boys and girls.

The officials of the lodge stated today that any little boy or girl in Vernon who wanted to send a message to Santa Claus before Christmas should do so either through the Vernon Record's Santa Claus columns or see O. K. Storey, Mayor Mason, Buddy Hall or some official of the lodge.

### PLAY AT RAYLAND BAPTIST CHURCH SATURDAY NIGHT

"The Old Fashioned Mother," a parable of a mother's love triumphant over the neglect and ingratitude of her children, will be staged at the Rayland Baptist church tomorrow night.

A small admission fee will be charged, the proceeds of which will go to the piano fund.

### Mrs. Barry to Speak

Mrs. Maggie Barry of College Station will be in Vernon Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 20. She will deliver an address before the Rural Parent-Teachers Association meeting to be held at the Presbyterian church on that date.

Mrs. Barry has an important message and a large attendance of women from both town and rural districts is expected.

### STARNES & MARCUM PURCHASE BLACKSMITH SHOP IN VERNON

Casey Bros. blacksmith shop on West Texas street has been sold to Starnes and Marcum, who have recently moved their families to Vernon and will make their home here.

Mr. Starnes was formerly in the blacksmithing business at Harrold. Both parties moved to Wilbarger from Memphis.



## OPEN COLUMN

All over the country there is a growing demand for more hospitals. At a meeting of the A. & M. in Boston two years ago the committee on hospitals reported that every county should have a good hospital to meet the need and demands of the general public.

At a meeting in St. Louis in May they tried to emphasize the importance of more hospitals.

Facts and figures show an inability everywhere to properly care for all sick and disabled.

The modern hospital is founded on three great original ideas or facts.

First, the best available medical and surgical diagnosis and scientific equipment.

Second, trained nursing.

Third, anesthetics and sterilization or the principals of noninfection.

These three great principles have done what could never be done in the past—transferred the serious sickness of the world from the home to the hospital.

As to the first point it may be said that the healing of the world is now in the hands of the modern hospital. Around the hospital gather the elite of the medical and surgical profession, and a patient is more liable to get scientific treatment from such eminent specialists in consultation than from an individual practitioner who perhaps has had small experience in similar diseases.

The modern hospital has the most scientific methods of investigation by the ablest surgeons and doctors. They can best generalize on conditions of disease doing research work and keep clinical histories, which make it the most comprehensive and scientific laboratory for the study of particular ailments. Such accumulated knowledge being unavailable to the individual doctor.

During the last thirty-five years life has been lengthened on an average of 12 years. This is the result of the new humanitarian spirit that has seized modern life and put it to work for human betterment. Sanitation and health methods have been worked out into a science and have been religiously applied.

In 1873 there were only 143 hospitals in all the U. S. But since that time the increase has been simply enormous. They have had a large share in extending the average human life. A hospital serves the health interests of a community, just as a grocery store does its food interests or a school its educational interests, or a church does its spiritual interests. A hospital sets a standard of sanitation and health for a community and raises the community to it. About 4 per cent of our people are laid up for repairs all the time. The hospital is the human repair shop. We never think of trying to repair our auto at home but carry it to a shop because the work can be done better and more successfully at the garage. Some slight repairs can be done at home, but anything serious requires the equipment and services of a shop. So of the human body; it is far more important than the best auto and the best repair shop should be accessible.

As a profession we do not ask for hospitals to be built for our own special pecuniary benefit. It is because we know it is for the public good. Medicine is a profession of service, and not a commercial venture. And any attempt to make it so will end in discredit and usually failure. True, we must live by our work. But in my life I have never seen the man who works for the joy of it go hungry or his children begging for bread. It is the law of life that he who gives most gets most and the men who give most are usually the men who are accomplishing most in every walk of life.

A good general hospital in this country is a matter of the very greatest importance. This town is favorably located in the best country in Texas—a country of wonderful resources.

I wish to refer briefly to the beautiful parable of the good samaritan who found the wounds of the injured man whom he found on the roadside, set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn and took care of him. He turned the inn into a hospital and endowed it for the care of the sick for whom he felt personal responsibilities. In this parable Jesus puts his endorsement on the hospital as one of the means of doing Christian service and it has proved itself to be one of the best institutions of Christianity.

In the last analysis, human life and its perfection is the predominant factor in all our problems, whether personal, social, state or national. The standing of a nation, ultimately, is only to be measured by the standard of human lives. These general principles have long been admitted by all states.

DR. C. D. SMITH  
Osteopathic Physician

Office Phone 67—129 S. Main St.

## "He Cannot Read His Tombstone When He's Dead."

"If with Pleasure you are viewing any work a man is doing.  
If you like him or you love him, tell him now.  
Don't withhold your approbation 'till the Parson makes oration.  
And he lies with wreaths of lilies o'er his brow.  
For no matter how you shout it, he won't really know about it,  
He won't know how many tear drops you have shed.  
If you think some praise is due him, now's the time to slip it to him  
For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead."

"More than fame and more than money, is the comment kind and sunny  
And the hearty warm approval of a friend;  
For it gives to life a savor and it makes you stronger—braver,  
And it fills your soul with courage to the end.  
If he earns your praise, bestow it; if you like him let him know it.  
Let the words of true encouragement be said.  
Do not wait till life is over, and he's underneath the clover,  
For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead."

"Down the ways of truth and beauty, you can bless the deeds of duty,  
If you'll give a hearty handshake when you can;  
For no matter what your station, there's unmeasured inspiration  
In the words of honest praising you can give your fellow man.  
If he needs your help befriend him, you can always love extend him;  
You can lift his load a little, ere the light of life is fled;  
Do not wait till he is sleeping, where the broken hearts are weeping  
For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead."

(Author Unknown)

men and economists.

Address at First Methodist Church last Sunday by Dr. J. E. Dodson.

1702 W. Steamboat street, Denton, Tex.  
Editor of the Vernon Record, Vernon, Texas.  
Dear Sir:

Student life at the North Texas State Normal College at Denton is such a busy, interesting affair that we young people from Wilbarger county think perhaps our families and friends, your readers, might enjoy hearing about our doings. This first term has been so full of worthwhile activities that we can hardly realize we shall be at home for the Christmas vacation in just two weeks.

The Normal College Eagles won the Thanksgiving football game with the San Marcos Bob Cats by the close score of 16 to 13, thus bringing to an exciting close the 1922 football season. This victory left the Normal college the only undefeated team in the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic association for the season. The Thanksgiving game was the most thrilling event of the

college year and was witnessed by a crowd of about 3,000 students, former students, and townspeople of Denton. Between halves of the game about 300 Normal College girls staged a "smoke dance" and pep demonstrations in which they formed in large letters across the field, the college initials, "N. T. S. N. C." while the boys on the bleachers gave the N. T. S. N. C. Locomotive yell.

One of the most popular clubs of the Normal College is the organization of Girl Scouts. The club this year has enjoyed several hikes, sunrise breakfasts and activities of similar nature, and recently was honored by a week's visit from Miss Pauline Wherry, of New York, traveling secretary of the National Girl Scout organization, who gave courses of instruction in the different phases of the work. The work of this club in the Normal College is directed by Miss E. Virginia Broadfoot, of the physical education faculty. It is of double value to college girls in giving them opportunity for recreation while in college and in giving them training for directing such work among girls when they

go out to teach. Miss Mary McHugh, of Vernon, is a member of the club this year.

Yours sincerely,  
ELIZABETH HAYES.

## LOCKETT

By special correspondence.

Lockett, Dec. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kahl of West Vernon were visitors in this community Monday afternoon.

On last Thursday afternoon Kinchloe basket ball team played Lockett on the latter's court. The score stood 12 to 20 in favor of Lockett.

B. H. Westbrook left with his family last week for the plains.

Sam Lincoff of Chillicothe visited his parents last Tuesday.

Lillian, 7 months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Thorn, is seriously ill.

H. S. Starr, of Vernon, was in this community Wednesday on business.

## UNION

By special correspondence.

Union, Dec. 14.—The first killing frost of the season fell in this community Saturday night. Everyone is glad because it will open the bollie cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. Birchfield and family visited their daughter, Mrs. Lee, of Iowa Park, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Copeland are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Dec. 3.

There was a very large crowd at singing Sunday evening. Prof. E. D.

McDonald head the singing.

Among the visitors to Vernon Saturday were Misses Gracie and Etta Brewster, Lily and Annie Birchfield and Bonnie Lon Gilchrist, Bob Hampton, H. B. Clarida, Dec Kaheldon, Mrs. Loh Mathus and little daughter, Fay, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie L. Bess and B. W. Wood.

Everyone come and bring the little folks to practice their Christmas pieces Wednesday night. Bob Hampton and daughter, Ethel and Mrs. Jessie Bess will have charge of the little folks.

John Gilchrist and Buvald Wade were business visitors in the Brown community Saturday.

Mrs. E. B. Gilchrist spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Jim Nix.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Hampton and son, Jimmie and little daughter, Neale, attended singing here Sunday evening from Lockett.

H. B. Clarida has purchased a new car.

## ODELL

By special correspondent.

Odell, Dec. 14.—Miss Velma Beach spent Sunday with Miss Wilma Bell.

Mrs. Bill Britain visited Mrs. C. D. Shelton Monday afternoon.

The Woman's Missionary society was well attended Monday afternoon.

Miss Myrtle Thompson spent Sunday with Miss Minnie Melton.

The Odell school will close Friday for the Christmas holidays. The teacher will attend the institute and then visit home folks.

The Sunday afternoon singing was

well attended. Several from Tolbert were present.

Born Adams and Delmeter Towry attended the sale at Chillicothe Monday. T. J. Watson and B. Y. Haynes were Chillicothe visitors Monday.

Miss Maurine Loope has been ill for the past few days.

Rev. F. D. Pearson filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church both Sunday morning and night. A large crowd attended both services.

Miss Lucille Killough visited in the Red River community Saturday and Sunday.

R. G. Wynn and Albert Boone have returned from Waco where they attended the Masonic lodge.

Miss Nettie Thompson spent Sunday with Miss Maurine Loope.

Rev. Pearson spent Sunday with Leon Wynn and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Grantham, of Plainview community, were visiting in the Early Beach home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Phillips and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Phil Lips' parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Blackberry.

Miss Elizabeth Blackberry returned from Albus Sunday, where she visited her parents, Friday and Saturday.

Neal Hamilton and Webb Cook, who are attending school in Odell spent Sunday with their parents in the Red River community.

Mrs. Nora Cook and children, Webb and Myrtle, spent Saturday night with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Spurgeon McDougal and family.

Mrs. E. B. Vassey, who returned

from Quanah Friday, where she underwent an operation, is improving. Emma Kesler has been very ill since Saturday.

Several from Odell attended the supper at C. M. Kester's home Monday evening.

## VERNON THEATRE

Friday—The Serial  
"Velvet Fingers"  
An all star feature  
"Lonesome Corners"

—Saturday—  
Geo. Larkin in  
"Bulldog Courage"  
A big Cristi Comedy  
"Nobody's Wife"

Monday — Tuesday  
Lila Lee and James  
Kirkwood in  
"Ebbtide"  
The comedy  
"By Heck"

# LOOK!

## MEN

### Here Is Your Chance

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## FORESEES SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN CHINA

MISS BLANCHE GROVES TELLS OF WORK AT SOOCHOW BAPTIST MISSION SCHOOL

A glowing account of the work of American missionaries in China is contained in a letter received by Mrs. W. C. Alderman and the Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist church from Miss Blanche Groves, former Vernon school teacher and now a missionary in Soochow, China. The letter was written Nov. 17. Miss Groves expresses the belief that a great religious awakening is about to sweep the Orient.

Baptist women, assisted by other departments of the church, are sending Miss Groves a suitcase-style, Victrola and a number of records, to aid her in her work. She mentioned in one of her letters the need for such equipment. Miss Groves' letter follows:

Because I know you are praying for and interested in the work here, I feel that I should write you even more frequently than I do. But there is so much to be done here and so few to do the work that there isn't much time left for writing. The consciousness that you are praying for us and the work here is a great stimulus. I'm sure the exceeding great joy I find in the work here is in answer to the many prayers of you dear Christian friends in the home-land.

We have had a most glorious opening of a new year's work. Our year's work really begins in September of each year. Schools are crowded, churches are filled to overflowing and every phase of our work has taken on new life and spirit.

### Great Changes Take Place

Our second great cooperative meeting in Soochow was held in September during which time hundreds of people confessed Christ as a personal Savior and with this new addition to our ranks we are expecting a great year's work in this part of the Master's vineyard. Even in the two years I have been in China I see great changes taking place in the lives of the Chinese. In spite of the different forms of idolatrous worship and the rebuilding of temples that have gone to decay, yet, there is a deeply spiritual tide sweeping over China. Men and women here are turning to Christ as their only hope. It seems to me we need your prayers now as never before. For as China is being wrested from the power and clutches of Satan and turning toward Christianity of course, Satan is making a last final and desperate effort to regain and hold dominion over this country and that he has held sway over during all these past centuries, I never so vividly realized Satan to be a living personality until I have been in this country where he has reigned supremely for such a long period and now being dethroned. I also have never felt Christ to be so real and so powerful. He is "All Sufficient" and is indeed a constant friend and daily companion. The prayers that have ascended the Throne from America through all these past years in behalf of China have

been and are still being answered, for God indeed answers prayer.

### Answering Prayer

I know not by what methods rare, But this I know, God answers prayer. I know not when He sends the word That tells us fervent prayer is heard. I know it cometh soon or late:

Therefore, we need to pray and wait, I know not if the blessing sought, Will come in just the guise I thought I leave my prayers with Him alone, Whose will is wiser than my own."

I am especially happy now that my two years' course of language study is finished and am giving full time to the work. My work seems equally divided into three parts, one part used in Yates Academy for boys, one third of my time given to Wei Ling Girl's Academy, and one third given to specific church and evangelistic work, principally Sunday school and night school work. However, school work is so truly evangelistic that a distinction could hardly be made.

We have organized a normal training class for our Sunday school teachers and department Superintendents over 40 in number. Have already completed one division of the Normal Manual and I'm expecting this large class to complete the book and receive their King's Teacher Diplomas by "China New Year," which comes the 1st. of February. Week by week I am outlining the lessons in English and having it translated into Chinese as some of our Bible women and teachers do not understand English, I am enjoying this class supremely.

### The Sunday School Work

We have had our Sunday school graded for two years into 9 departments including the Cradle Roll, Home department and young peoples' department, coming in between to fit our peculiar need. Each department is doing enthusiastic work. Our attendance is over 500 every Sunday. In addition to our morning Sunday school we hold afternoon Sunday schools for the street children in five different chapels with an attendance of several hundred each Sunday. This work is carried on largely by the Christian students of our schools, with one Missionary supervising the work of each chapel.

We have this year opened a social center in the heart of the city. Here we have both day and night schools, giving much of the time to Bible study. Many non-Christians and government

students will study the Bible in order to get English and are often ready to Christ in this way. I'm getting much joy out of this phase of our work.

Last spring I wrote you about my Berean Sunday school class. I must tell you some more about it. Last year we enrolled more than 40 in the class and had a great many new students to enter our academy this year hence we decided best to organize a separate class for these new students and some of the others. This class is starting out with an enrollment of 20 under the name "Conquerors," with the motto "We do things." I am expecting to make some good reports of this class later.

My own Berean class, now over 35 in number, that I have enjoyed so much the past year is full of enthusiasm and in answer to daily prayer for them I feel they are really getting a vision of Service. At our last meeting the class voted to open a night school for the servants of this compound over 20 in all.

### Success of the School

The class is assuming all financial responsibility as well as the teaching. Last week we had a class meeting at which time we invited the servants to meet with us and together discussed the plans and schedule. The appreciation and enthusiasm was shown by the servants filled my soul with joy and was an inspiration to the class. The school has been opened with a full attendance and is the first of its kind in our mission in Soochow, however other denominations here have similar schools, may I ask your prayers for the success of this work. Our aim is to lead to Christ each member of this school.

Our Berean class this year is divided into two sections for the teaching of the lesson as we have nine Koreans, some of whom know but little English and less Chinese. After the opening exercise and business a Korean ministerial student takes charge of this section and teaches the lesson in his native language. I do some work with the Bereans using both a Korean and Chinese interpreter. I have never before so fully realized the direct work of the Holy Spirit to do that which is humanly impossible.

Last Sunday the Bereans sang a special song in the church which seemed very impressive to the audience. All together sang one verse of "In the Sweet By and By" in English. The

Koreans then repeated the chorus in Korean language, next the Chinese in their native tongue and last all joining in together on the chorus in English. As I listened to this song I got a clearer vision of what I think Heaven will really mean, a new joy I associated with Heaven at that moment viz: A reunion there, a meeting of my American, Chinese and Korean students. Oh! what a joy unspeakable that will be, for I love my students devotedly. I pray that God may spare my life and give me Divine help and power to lead the students I work with to know Jesus as a personal Savior. The Lord wonderfully blessed the Bereans last year only two were left unsaved at the close of the spring term. I am praying for the salvation to these two still. It will mean a great sacrifice to them in their homes to confess Jesus as Savior for their homes are the darkest of dark heathen homes, but I praise the Lord that His power is greater than that claimed by Buddha or any of his followers. Every letter I write I feel like urging you again and again to be constant in prayer for us and the work here. It's your work and the longer I stay here the more I realize how impossible it would be to carry on the work here without you.

### Keeping in Touch

I wonder if there is anything I can do to keep you in closer touch with the work. Is there any specific information you desire? If so, please call on me. Keep me in touch with you and your work also. I am always happy to get reports of your work.

I hope this letter reaches you in time to know that I am wishing for you the happiest Christmas you have ever known. May the true Christmas spirit hover about you throughout the Yuletide season.

Even though this letter is a general one I hope you will all consider it a personal letter to you and answer with a long letter. American mail is a great joy to us, let the next boat bring a letter from you.

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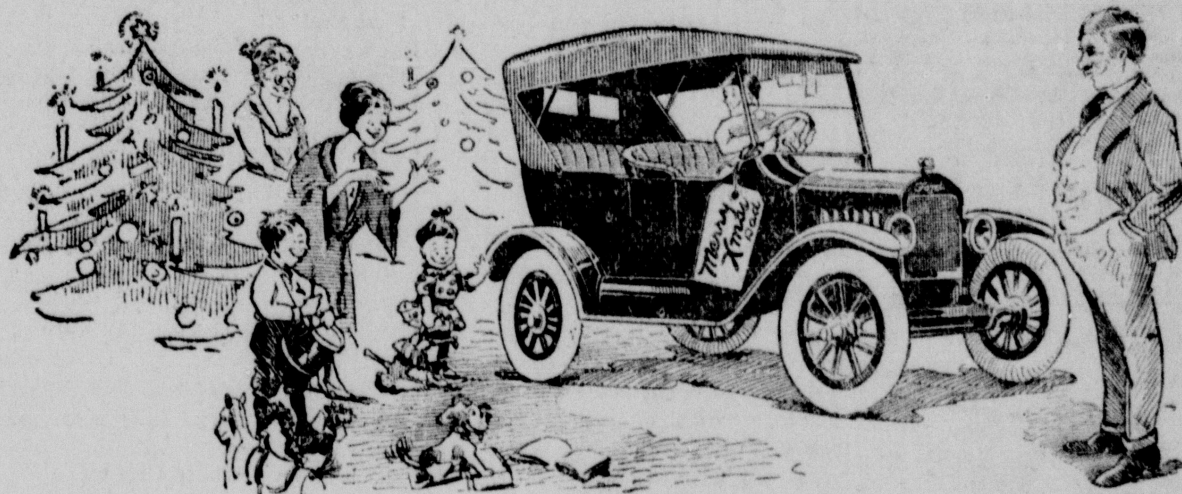
I read of the wonderful revival you had and rejoice with you Bro. Mims held a meeting at Decatur when I was studying in high school there. I've never gotten away from the impression he

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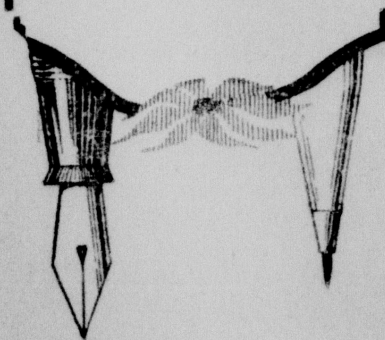
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**THE CHRISTMAS  
BUDGET**

And after making the Christmas money, then comes the spending of it. And this is a harder proposition than the first, for no matter how much Christmas money any of us have it is never half enough to do all the things we want to do for Christmas. It just seems no matter how little and stingy we are the rest of the year, our hearts sort of swell up and want to do real things at Christmas time. Don't know why we seem to love the children more than any other time of the year. Don't know why we have a more kindly feeling for the whole world at that time than any other. But we do. Don't we. Most all of us have felt that internal longing to remember everybody we love at Christmas time. And some times that feeling just grows so strong within us that it actually drives all the joy of Christmas out of our hearts because we know we can't do all the things we want to do. And some of us have even been guilty of wishing Christmas would not come and make us feel that way.

But that is not right. We should not feel that way. There must be something wrong somewhere. What's the matter? Then is the time for us to look into our own heart and try to discover the real motive of Christmas and see if we have the real Christmas spirit in our hearts or if we are not suffering from some wrong conception of the day. Now if we think of Christmas as a "National Pay Up Day" and try to pay all our debts of kindness that we have contracted through the year, why of course, we will all be perfectly miserable for the whole month before Christmas, for it would be impossible. So before you start out to spend your Christmas budget, look carefully into your heart and see if that is not one of the reasons you are dreading the holiday season. And is not that the reason your budget seems so small? If you find this to be the case, then the first thing to do is to correct your Christmas motive. Get the idea out of your mind that Christmas is the one day of the year when you should try to pay all your social debts.

**The Christmas Spirit**

Christmas as we see it, is the one day in the year when it should be our business to scatter cheer. To let folks know we love them, whether they are rich or poor, whether they are sick or well, whether they are up or down. Whether they are in or out with this big wide world. Whether they are our debtors or creditors, that is not the question at Christmas time. There may be a whole year or many years before us to pay those debts of kindness. Why try to do all that on the same day and neglect the real work of Christmas, that of scattering joy and sunshine where it is most needed and where it is least expected.

Suppose we try this year to give simple gifts and more of them. Spread your Christmas cheer out more, so there will be enough to go around. How much more like our Heavenly Father it would be for us to plan for everybody to receive a Christmas package on Christmas morning than for a few of the children and the people to receive an armload of costly gifts and hundreds and thousands of others go unthought of on this great Gift Day. If we could all get the right control of ourselves for this one day, and if we could all drive selfishness, Christ-

mas selfishness and Christmas pride and Christmas rivalry out of our hearts, how much happier we would all be. Give the things we can afford to give. Christmas gifts should not be valued in dollars and cents, but in love and the joy that comes with the thought that those we love are thinking of us.

To the boys and girls especially who are working for their Christmas fund, to you we come for all example of wise spending of those dollars you have made. Suppose you have made only one dollar? How are you going to spend it? It looks like it would not go far. But it will do a lot of things for your home folks. It will buy a toy and a pretty booklet, and a sack of candy and an orange and a hair ribbon and a handkerchief and a pretty dish for mother or it would get several Christmas cards that would carry a lot of joy all over the country to those who are away from home. If you have only a dollar for your Christmas cheer fund just see how much cheer you can get out of that dollar, unless you think mother or some other member of the family needs all the most. That is for you to decide. It is your Christmas dollar if you have made it. And if the dollar belongs to a girl, she might make a dozen pretty things with a dollars worth of materials if she only knows how to use her hands as well as her money to make Christmas gifts.

**Scattering Sunshine**

For us older folks, there is nothing we can enjoy on Christmas morning more than a kind thought from our friends from all over the country. It may be a word of encouragement just when we need it most. It may be a word of appreciation that will stimulate us to greater effort throughout the whole year to come or it may be an inspiration to us throughout our life. So many of us need kind words and encouragement and appreciation and a little boosting that would cost only a few minutes time and a two cent stamp. And it would make us happier and do us more good than anything else in the whole Christmas time. Why most of us can buy our own socks and suspenders and handkerchiefs and neckties and silk hose and powder puff and poems when necessity demands it. But oh, how the most of us do suffer for the sake of a few kind words and a little cheer along the way. If some of the flowers and kind words that will be wasted on our funerals could be sent along at Christmas time each year how much more real pleasure we would all get out of them. Let's try it this year. And if you don't have the time to spare to write your kind thought to your friends, then be brave and honest enough to "Say It" to him when you meet him. My, what a happy day it would be if everyone of us would send at least one kind thought to somebody this Christmas.

**RESEARCH PROGRAM FOR HOME  
ECONOMICS WORK OUTLINED**

Dr. E. D. Ball, director of scientific work, United States Department of Agriculture, represented Secretary Wallace before the home economics section of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges, which held their thirty-sixth annual convention in Washington, D. C., November 20-23. Doctor Ball said in part, speaking of the proposed new bureau of home economics:

"The first thing the Department of Agriculture has to do in the organization of a bureau of home economics is to get that organization approved by Congress, and the bill is now before the committee of the House for consideration. If the change is approved, then the next step, as I see it, is to gather together a committee representing the very best thought of home economics and related lines of work that we can find here in America. This committee would have two matters to consider.

"A program of research work must be considered, because the work of the department as a whole organization must in the future, even more than in the past, be along research lines. Now is the time to very materially strengthen the scope of research work in the department activities and in home economics. The second and more difficult

function of the committee will be to select someone to lead the work. A research program depends on the individual who directs and inspires the work. In the final development of home economics in the Department of Agriculture it seems very likely that it will be a bureau which will have the organization and direction of work that will be carried on in a considerable number of other bureaus.

"We must think of home economics work as a thing as big and broad in its scope as the whole Department of Agriculture is. It serves a field as big as the field of the Agricultural Department. It is entitled, when it comes to its own, to the recognition that the service to agriculture has received, and I feel that this recognition will be forthcoming."

**DALLAS NEWS RADIO PROGRAMS**

Program for the week.

**Regular Daily Features**

10:15 a. m., WFAA—United States Weather Bureau forecast and cotton region bulletin on 485 meters, followed by Dallas produce market quotations, early cotton market report and Wall street review on 490 meters.  
6:15-7:00 p. m., WFAA—Reading stories, "Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy," followed by fairy story, news items and sports.

**Special Daily Features**

Monday, Dec. 18—

12:30-1:00 p. m., WFAA—Address, Mrs. Eugene Bagley, "Work of the Women's Clubs."

8:30-9:00 p. m., WFAA—Special musical program by representatives of Mineral Wells, Texas; Miss Hazel Sparks, soprano, Dallas, assisting.

Tuesday, Dec. 19—

12:30-1:00 p. m., WFAA—Address, "Timely Stories," DeWitt McMurray, editor of The Semi-Weekly Farms News, editor of the Scottish Rite Herald, Sunday editorial writer, member of the Dallas Board of Education.

8:30-9:00 p. m., WFAA—Special program by representatives of Weatherford, Texas; Miss Moore's School Quartet assisting.

11:20-12:30 p. m., WFAA—Artists' recital arranged by Bush &amp; Gertys Piano Company of Texas.

Wednesday, Dec. 20—

12:30-1:00 p. m., WFAA—Address, W. E. Prather, oil geologist, on "Oil and the Near East."

Thursday, Dec. 21—

12:30-1:00 p. m., WFAA—Address, Dr. J. B. Cranfill on "Speederitis."

8:30-9:00 p. m., WFAA—Special program by representatives of Cleburne, Texas.

11:20-12:30 p. m., WFAA—Artists' recital, arranged by W. H. A. Watkins Company.

Friday, Dec. 22—

12:30-1:00 p. m., WFAA—Address, Dr. Robert S. Hyer, Southern Methodist University, "The Sunday School Lessons."

8:30-9:00 p. m., WFAA—Gibson Mandolin and Guitar Club.

Saturday, Dec. 23—

12:30-1:00 p. m., WFAA—Address, Dr. Robert S. Hyer, Southern Methodist University, "Current History Comment."

8:30-9:00 p. m., WFAA—Oak Cliff High School Orchestra.

11:00-12:30 p. m., WFAA—Artists' recital arranged by D. L. Whittle Music Company.

Sunday, Dec. 24—

12:30-1:00 p. m., WFAA—Radio Chapel sermon by Dr. William M. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Dallas.

9:30-10:00 p. m., WFAA—Christmas music by choir of the First Presbyterian church, Harold Kellogg, director.

NEW TALENT ADDED TO  
MADAME BASCHI CONCERT

The managers of Madame Alice Baschi, who will appear in Vernon on the night of January 5, have altered the personnel of the celebrated contralto's assisting artists, the Musicians' Club announced today. This change was brought about when it was found possible to secure Miss Margaret Witherstine, who in 1920 received the first prize in piano at the New England Conservatory. Miss Witherstine has upon several transcontinental tours with noted artists received the highest

praise from the critics.

The second change in the personnel gives us Armando Leuci, an Italian violinist. Signor Leuci has toured extensively with Madame Baschi in Europe and she has induced him to make the tour of this country with her this season.

Great interest followed the first announcement. While the reserved seats do not go on sale until Saturday of this week, it was stated today that many people were calling to have the reservations placed aside for them. Members of the Musicians' Club and the Pendleton Music store are now selling general admittance coupons, which are exchangeable for reserved seats.

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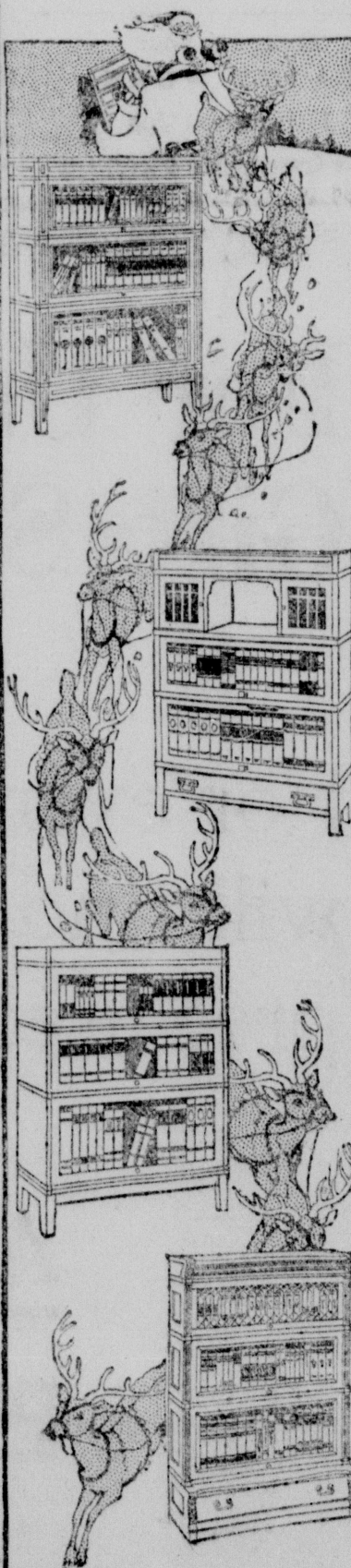
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**VIVIAN SMITH IS  
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TEAM**

Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore entertained the local high school students last evening with a delightful dinner dance at their home at 510 South Main street. A delicious 7 course dinner was served. Following which short talks were made by Marvin C. Culbertson, R. B. Galbraith and Messrs. Hollar and Smith, outgoing and incoming captains of the local football team. Vivian Smith was chosen captain of the team last night.

Mr. Galbraith commended the work of the team very highly and praised the services of former captain Hollar. He stated that captain-elect Smith would make a good pilot for next season.

Guests at the banquet were Misses Mattie Renfro, Ruby Thomas, Clara Will Lane, Marguerite Thomas, Mildred Robertson, Lela Williams, Odessa Copeland, Charlene Milam, Marie Ashenbush, Agnes Taylor, Christine Gregory, Ida Maude Lutz, Helen Williams, Christine Keltz, Alene Ashenbush, Messrs. Jess Hollar, Harold Shive, Thornton Ferguson, Andy Thompson, Emory Rogers, Leil Buchanan, Roy Williams, Ray Key, Artie Key, Gilbert Bourland, Hugh Bonland, Clifton Withers, Clarence Justin, Bruce Reed, Clarence Reed, Vivian Smith, Ransome Walker, Chester Robinson, Herbert Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Galbraith.

**BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY  
TO HOLD MEET NEXT MONDAY**

An interesting Missionary program will be rendered by Circle six at the First Baptist church next Monday in "Fulfilling the Royal Law."

The Sunbeams will also give a short program. The Sunbeams are doing good work under the leadership of Mrs. Swin, almost 100 have been enrolled. They have recently sent 40 pounds of candy to Buckner's Orphans Home.

**WILBARGER RESIDENT BURIED  
FARGO CEMETERY YESTERDAY**

G. R. McClain, aged 75, died at his home 11 miles northwest of Vernon, Wednesday, Dec. 13. He was buried yesterday afternoon at the Fargo cemetery. Rev. L. B. Hankins of Odell officiated.

The deceased is survived by three children, all of whom were present when the end came. They are: Ruth of Hale Center, Nettie and G. R. Jr., who resided with their father. D. E. Thomas and wife have been residing at the McClain home.

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## BEAUTIFUL ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY AT BAILEY HOTEL

Miss Louise Collins and Mrs. S. W. Bailey gave a beautiful announcement party to Miss Woody Dixon on Thursday of this week. Some of the guests came in the morning and played bridge and some in the afternoon and played Forty-two. The party was given at the Sun Parlor of the Bailey Hotel. The guests were conducted to the parlor adjoining the sun parlor by the hostesses and members of the house party, where each guest signed her name in a "guest book," which was on a small table at the entrance. Then the guests were taken to the sun parlor which was very artistically decorated with palms, ferns and other plants and pink chrysanthemums and other flowers. From the ceiling of the sun parlor hung rows of artificial sweet peas and Japanese lanterns, which gave the sun parlor the effect of a Japanese garden.

Mrs. W. K. Long won high score in the morning and was given a beautiful corsage of orchids, and Mrs. Harry Mason was presented with a beautiful corsage in the afternoon for having won the most games of forty-two.

The guests were served an ice cream with individual cakes of angel food. On each plate was a card which stood a small dressed cupid and the following verse:

"I'm just a little cupid  
Dressed up  
To bring to you  
A secret about  
Woody and Le Baume;  
Yes, they are to be married,  
It's true,  
December twenty-seventh,  
Nineteen twenty-two."

Those who attended the bridge and forty-two party were as follows: Misses Adele Sumner, Harriett Thomas, Esther Swartwood, Oleta Youngblood, Olive Shive, Minnie King and Bob Standifer and Mesdames Dan Sumner, Ervin McCarter, Walter McCaleb, S. S. Munger, Katherine Waggoner, J. E. Dodson, Nell Hardin, Merle Ferrell, Myatt Napier, Effie Bennett, Lawrence Piper, Joe Napier, Hub Colley, R. H. Coffee, Barney Williams, Guy Puckett, Fred Thompson, Ava White, S. P. Ingram, H. E. Rogers, C. V. King, Jimmie Robertson, Ben Leutwyler, Bruce Gibson, O. A. Brunson, E. C. Christian, Y. H. Babasin, W. A. Wilhelm, T. A. King, Bass King, Harry Mason, A. H. Murchison, Chas. E. Warren, Jr., B. D. Plumpton, J. A. Birdsong, A. M. Hart, J. T. Williams, M. A. Dixon, Jeffie's Wife, Perry Griffiths, Paul Goetze, J. H. E. Young, G. W. Baens, A. B. Garland, B. J. Parker, C. M. Ladd, A. C. Rayzor, C. D. Ashenbush, N. R. Heath, J. W. Wheatley, A. C. Bogen, Cecil Storey, J. P. King, Wm. McCaleb, T. E. Standifer, H. K. Greever, E. F. Piper, Eunice Wilson, D. A. Williams, J. V. Townsend, Eugene Keltz, and Misses Anna Joe Pendleton, Maudie Ladd and Ethel Haney and Mesdames G. J. Gibbs, L. G. Hawkins, T. J. Youngblood, R. D. Shive.

Pies, cakes, candy, chickens and good eats.—Massie-Wright's Saturday.

A banquet was given Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the basement of the Central Christian church in honor of three classes winning the contest which ended several weeks ago. These three classes arrived at New York on the same Sunday, therefore all winning. Long tables just filled with good things to eat greeted the boys and girls on arrival. One little boy remarked, "I believe it's Christmas." Another, "I wish we could win a contest every week." Addresses on the "Sunday School Work," were given by Rev. Lewis P. Kopp, pastor, John Smith, superintendent of primary and intermediate departments. Those present were Misses Doris Swinburn, Beatrice Fowler, Mary Tom Lamar, Johnny Handy, Lucile Brown, Weiner Wall, Ester Kopp, Mary Hazel Zachry, Margaret Elliott, Cora Annie Buchanan, Margaret Ragland, Mairine Cartwright, Louise Kressenburg, Minerva Price Rhoads, Gwendolyn Staley, Addie Louis, Lucile Reed, Jeannita McDonald, Gladys Webb and Bill Rogers, James Tackler, Clarence Price, Claude Blanchard, Freddie Reed, Arthur Ward, Vernon Manis, David Eddings, Curtis James, Oddie Kressenburg and John Grimes.

The officers and teachers of the Sunday school of the Central Christian church met Wednesday evening to discuss further plans for Christmas. It was decided to have two small Christmas trees in the basement for the primary children on Sunday morning, while the White Christmas will be observed by the older children and adults. The children will give a program on Sunday morning. On Sunday evening a pageant will be given. Mesdames C. D. Greene, L. P. Kopp and Miss Erma Rhoads will have charge of the program.

Mrs. S. S. Munger was hostess to the Tuesday bridge club at its last meeting. Covers were laid for four tables. At the close of the games a plate lunch was served with dainty little pink and cups as favors. Those present were Misses Adele Sumner, Mary Anderson, Oleta Youngblood, Don Standifer, Lucile Holt, Esther Swartwood, Vera Harrington, Johnnie Mallow, Olive Shive and Mesdames Ervin McCarter, S. W. Bailey, Dan Sumner, George Hardin and Orba McCurdy.

Pies, cakes, candy, chickens and good eats.—Massie-Wright's Saturday.

Plenty of money to loan on farms and ranches. Low rate of interest. See R. B. Sherrill. 97-5tc.

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## City Briefs

R. D. L. Kibbort was in court Monday on legal business.

E. Perry of Quanah was in Vernon Tuesday.

Pies, cakes, candy, chickens and good eats.—Massie-Wright's Saturday.

L. G. Hawkins was in Wichita Falls on business Wednesday.

H. J. Struck of Oklahoma City was in Vernon Tuesday.

Pies, cakes, candy, chickens and good eats.—Massie-Wright's Saturday.

W. D. Berry was in Quanah on business Thursday.

Clyde Tennyson returned Wednesday from a visit to Dallas.

Christmas trees, all sizes, for sale by Charles Blair, Phone 514. 97-3tp.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kopp of Electric visited in Vernon Wednesday.

Warner Koch of Quanah was in the city Thursday.

Christmas trees, all sizes, for sale by Charles Blair, Phone 514. 97-3tp.

Dr. J. E. Dodson went to Dallas yesterday.

G. F. Weaver of Frederick was in Vernon Thursday.

Homer Crawford of Wichita Falls, is in Vernon.

Mrs. Y. H. Babasin and Mrs. Eugene Keltz were shopping in Wichita Falls Monday.

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Mrs. James Anderson has returned to her home in Fort Worth after a visit with W. G. Anderson.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Castlebury have returned from a ten days' visit at New Orleans.

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Leo Northcraft, son of Mrs. Northcraft of this city, was killed this week in San Antonio, when a street car ran into the car he was driving.

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Miss Odie Camel, who is teacher of expression in Chillicothe this winter, spent the week-end with Miss Mary Weatherford.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Randall, who have been in New Mexico for the past seven months are visiting Mrs. J. A. Randall, Mr. Randall's mother.

Mrs. W. Hale Davis returned home last Sunday. Mrs. Davis had been in Marlin for her health for the past two months.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Skipworth, living in the Talmage community, are the parents of a baby boy born last Wednesday.

Miss Ona Coleman of Houston, daughter of H. L. Coleman, arrived home yesterday to spend the holidays with relatives.

Apex Vacuum Cleaner—an excellent Christmas gift for the housewife—easy payments. Telephone Mr. Plevine, 434, for free demonstration. 97-3p.

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## MISS FORCE MAY MARRY HERO OF A. E. F.



Miss Katherine Force, sister of Mrs. William K. Dick, the second Mrs. John Jacob Astor, is now reported engaged to Major Lorillard Spencer, a hero of the A. E. F., who was recently divorced. Some time ago Miss Force's engagement to Henri Harnick, of New York, was announced, but it is now reported to have been broken.

C. M. Blair was in Harrold yesterday collecting taxes. He was accompanied by Mrs. Blair and they had lunch in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lemon.

Mrs. B. C. Bennett and family moved to Frederick, Okla., yesterday. Mr. Bennett has a position with the Frederick Leader there and they expect to make that their permanent home.

Mrs. E. M. Haney has returned from a visit with her father, C. M. Basham, of Wichita Falls. Mr. Basham and family returned with her and spent the week end in the Haney home.

C. E. Lancaster and Jas. S. Oswald of Chillicothe took the Knight Templar work at the local commandery last Tuesday night. Mr. Lancaster is pastor of the First Baptist church of Chillicothe.

Record classified ads for results.

Notice is hereby given that my place, This is to notify the public that my eight and one-half acres northeast of farm 12 miles northeast of Vernon is posted. No hunting will be allowed. Please take notice.—L. B. Woodard, 95-3tp.

Judge Green has arrived home for the holidays. Young Green is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Green. He was captain this year of the T. C. U. football club.

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Even if he has a Belt, he'd like a new one.

Wilson Bros. Belts .50c to \$1.50  
Gold and Silver Belt Buckles—  
\$2.50 to \$5.00

Handkerchiefs by the box make a most desirable Gift. Let us show you these new plain and initialed, either linen or silk.

Linen with initial 3 for ...\$1.50  
Woven colors with initials, 3  
for .....\$1.25

Pure Irish Linen .50c and 75c  
Special box, 4 for .....\$1.00



A gift he will be more pleased with every time he uses it, is a House Coat. You will see plenty of attractive ones here to select from.

Dressing Robes are a real comfort to every man at—  
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Bath Robes in a wide range of colors .....\$6.50 to \$12.00

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Packages wrapped ready for mailing.

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Don't forget that he may need a Muffler and probably does if he is like most men. You'll see just what you want here and at the price you want to pay.

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It is almost unnecessary to suggest Gloves as they seem to be the universal Christmas Gift for Men.

Tan and grey capes and mochas with plain spear or fancy embroidered backs .\$.175 to \$3.50

When you see these Ties you will not be able to resist giving Him at least one—and we know he will wear it because it will be good style.

New shape and color 50c to \$2.50  
Silk knits .....75c to \$2.00  
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## Did You Ever Think

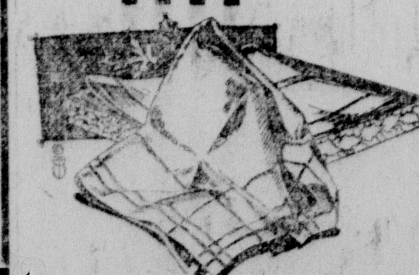
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Phone 66

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Always  
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SERVICE

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"America's Answer" Busted the Hindenburg Line.

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Take stock and see whether or not you are giving us the amount of business you should.

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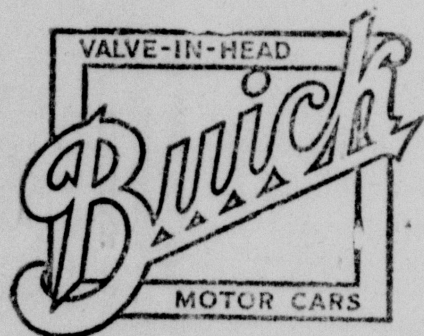
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AMERICA'S ANSWER  
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It's a pleasure to demonstrate their  
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The United States spent about one-eighth of the entire cost of the war

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The war cost the United States considerably more than \$1,000,000 an hour for over two years.

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So when you think of GAS think of  
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30x3 1-2 Spartan Cord .....\$12.00  
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All of these have a 10,000 mile  
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Compare these prices with others.

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Plus preparedness to give prompt and satisfactory Service.

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Graduates of line officers training school 80,468

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How important is the 'fire'  
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Vernon, Texas

Cost of army to April 30, 1919 \$13,930,000,000









# WILBARGER COUNTY NEWS

## THALIA

Thalia, Dec. 14.—Rev. W. A. Bentley of Abilene preached at the Christian church Saturday night and Elder Cade of Electra preached Sunday and Sunday night. There was preaching at the Baptist church also, by Rev. Frank McNair.

The boys of Thalia and Margaret basketball teams played a game on the Margaret grounds Tuesday afternoon. The scores were 12 and 24 in Thalia's favor.

George Reeves of Blair, Tex., has been visiting relatives and friends here for the past week.

Edd Self, Anna Belle Hammonds and Mrs. Luther Ward have been quite ill this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Adkins were visiting relatives in Crowell Thursday. Rudolph Connel, Alfred Schroeder, Pete Lindsay, Dick Solomon, Capt. Adkins and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Henry, Will Pigg, Misses Pauline Pigg, Emma Main and Annie Wood, Joe French and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Morris, E. V. Cato and family, Mrs. T. M. Haney and daughter, Miss Leta and W. F. Wood, were Crowell visitors Saturday.

W. L. Awebery moved his family to Crowell Saturday. His children will enter high school there.

Harmon Jones has moved his family to Frank Crew's place, west of town.

Miss Couch, the Dixie school teacher, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fisher here.

Ely Huffman and Dink Balkin of Floydada, visited W. F. Wood and family Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar McBeth and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McBeth, motored to Vernon Sunday afternoon. Dennis and wife will spend the week there visiting the latter's parents, J. W. Wyn and family.

The show Saturday and Monday nights were attended by large crowds. Mrs. Belt and Boon of Taylor county are here this week on business.

J. A. Abston bought the Harry White store last week.

T. M. Haney went to Dallas last week to attend the Farm Bureau meeting.

H. Hammonds and family and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hammonds and little daughter, of Vernon, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Langley Sunday.

Bill Anderson and family of near Vernon visited R. C. Huntley and family here Sunday.

W. D. Burress, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Will Jones, of Stamford, returned Saturday to visit relatives here and at Margaret and Crowell for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Burress Weaver are entertaining a new baby, born the 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Miller returned to their home in Clarendon Wednesday after an extended visit with their daughter, Mrs. C. B. Morris of this place.

Alfred and Emma Schroeder visited Misses Jennie Belle and Martha Louise Ray of Crowell Saturday.

C. J. Fox purchased a new car one day last week.

## FARMERS VALLEY

By special correspondence.

Farmers Valley, Dec. 14.—Sunday school Sunday morning was well attended. Several visitors were present.

Mr. Smith and family, who have been living south of Vernon, have moved to the J. J. Blanchard farm.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cox and daughters entertained the young folks Sunday night with a singing.

Little Miss Faye Frost has been on the sick list this last week.

Several from this community attended the ball game Friday afternoon played between Tolbert and Chillicothe on the latter's court.

J. J. Blanchard and family have moved to Vernon. Mr. Templeton will live on Mr. Blanchard's place the coming year.

F. Blake was a business visitor in Vernon Monday.

A number from this community attended the "rally" at Bailey High Friday night.

Oliver, Zella and Annie Reynolds, Laura Mote and Edna Simmons, of Tolbert, attended singing at Mr. Cox's Sunday night.

A number from this community have been hauling coal from Tolbert this last week. They are preparing for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Frost and daughter attended the pound supper at Tolbert Friday night that was given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Smith.

## RAYLAND

By special correspondence.

Rayland, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Nittie Robinson, of Eldorado, Kan., has been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jordan and Joe

Jordan were in Crowell Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Denver and Lola Watson have moved to Parsley Hill where they will farm this coming year.

W. P. Bartley was shaking hands with old friends here Tuesday.

Melvin Crisp of Post City is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crisp, of this community.

## FARGO

By special correspondence.

Fargo, Dec. 14.—Several in this community killed hogs Monday.

Vernon visitors Saturday from Fargo were Mr. and Mrs. Hal Olive, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Olive, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McDaniel, Mrs. Wayne Adams and children, Mrs. Jennie Coffey, Dred McDaniel, R. E. Harrell, Curtis and Jewell Hendrix, Mrs. J. S. Mason, Mrs. Marvin Price, Miss Effie Lindsay, and Miss Laura Wilhelm.

The ladies of the community surprised Mrs. Marvin Price Friday with a shower at the home of Mrs. T. E. Stafford. Mr. and Mrs. Price were married two weeks ago. Mrs. Price was formerly Miss Mammie Richard.

There were many beautiful and useful presents presented to her, such as towels, lunch sets, etc.

Mrs. W. H. Beavers has been ill the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Smith visited in Vernon Sunday afternoon.

The new Fargo school building is nearing completion.

Miss Ethel Sweetmon, who has been attending State Normal at Denton, returned home last week to undergo an operation for appendicitis. She is reported to be getting along nicely.

The W. M. S. met Thursday afternoon at the Baptist church and rendered a fine program. Those present were Mrs. Sam Canon, Mrs. R. E. Harrell, Mrs. J. T. Maer, Mrs. W. R. McDaniel, Mrs. Mark Neal, Mrs. Joe Parker, Mrs. Lee Parker, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. H. H. Sherer, Miss Flodelle W. Hamson and Bonnie McLaughlin. The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 21. Circle No. 1 will have charge of the program.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McDaniel and Drew McDaniel visited relatives at Oklahoma Sunday.

Rev. F. D. Pearson will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

Quarterly conference was held at the Methodist church Saturday and church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Starnes of Oklahoma visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray McDaniel Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Wayne Adams and children are visiting relatives at Quanah.

The Fargo gin burned Thursday night. Origin of the fire is unknown. The owners carried \$8,100 insurance. Preparations are being made to start rebuilding in the near future.

Miss Mattie Lou Mason and Roberta Mason visited at Sherwood the past week-end.

There is prayer meeting at the Baptist church Wednesday night.

Dick Coffey, who is attending Holcomb's Training school at Vernon, visited his mother, Mrs. Coffey, the past week-end.

## WILDCAT

By special correspondence.

Wildcat, Dec. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Richie went to Vernon Monday and visited Mr. Richie's sister, Mrs. J. A. Walker.

Mrs. I. G. and Benton Luttrell were in Vernon Wednesday.

Mrs. Virgil Hildbrand and children, Leslie and Omeda, are real sick at this time. Grandpa Adams left last Thursday for east Texas and reports that country is the only place that feels like home to him.

Burford Luttrell had the misfortune of losing his big black mare last Thursday.

Fred Miller is suffering from a badly sprained knee.

Mrs. A. A. Galloway of Vernon is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Patton. Mrs. I. G. Luttrell was ill last week-end.

Miss Annie and Blyn Nunn went to church in Vernon Sunday night.

Henry Richie and family were in Vernon Sunday evening.

Earl Luttrell and family of Hillcrest spent Sunday with I. G. Luttrell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Nunn and Miss Mary Delaney attended church at Zion Sunday night. They also witnessed the Ku Klux visit to the church that night.

Mrs. Henry Richie has been ill for several days.

The Home and Demonstration club met Monday with Mrs. John Patton and demonstrated candy making. Candy, stuffed dates and fig meat sandwiches with hot chocolate and cake were then served. Those present were Miss Eula Goodfellow, Mrs. I. G. Luttrell, Mrs. Jasper Burk, Mrs. Frank Hildebrand, Mrs. Galloway of Vernon, Miss Mary Delaney, Miss Cecil Suttle and Miss Lydia Russell.

The club will meet with Mrs. W. D. Nunn Jan. 11, and arrange the year book and elect new officers.

The cold weather put the people busy killing hogs as it was the first we have had this winter cold enough for hog killing.

Mr. Hodges, of Farmers Valley, has moved on Grandpa Adams' place.

Mrs. H. P. Droemer was ill with a cold last week.

## PLEASANT VALLEY

By special correspondence.

Pleasant Valley, Dec. 14.—The pie supper at the Pleasant Valley church Friday night was well attended and \$51.55 was raised. Miss Vivian Bell received the cake for the prettiest young lady.

Mr. Cook is on the road to recovery after being very ill with pneumonia.

Among those attending the show at Odell this week were Mr. and Mrs. Edd White, Mrs. Ida Turner and daughters, Misses Jossie and Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Kester and children, May Thomas, Henry Turner and Fred Thomas.

Mr. Rogers has purchased a new touring car.

Charlie Andrews was a business visitor at the E. C. Bratcher home Thursday morning.

Misses Essie Floyd and Trixy Corfer and Miss Pearl Floyd of White City, attended the pie supper Friday night at the church.

Several of this community attended the first quarterly conference.

## PARSLEY HILL

By special correspondence.

Parsley Hill, Dec. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Homer Siglar of Oklahoma, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Godfrey Streit and one of their cousins are here also.

Rev. Edmonson, of Vernon, visited in the McNabb home Friday night.

Mr. West from Duncan, Okla., sang at the school house Sunday night. Everyone enjoyed the singing and a large crowd attended.

Mrs. Yarbrough is visiting her husband and son at the Parsley Hill gin.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Streit have installed a radio set in their home 14 miles southwest of Vernon.

W. P. Banta from Miami, Tex., is here spending a few days with friends

and relatives. He preached at Parsley Hill church Sunday morning and night. Mr. Banta formerly lived here several years ago.

Dave Berlsmith and Rallie Neel returned Saturday from the plains.

T. P. Hallman and son, Rashie, and wife and Miss Alta Hallman, of Station, Tex., are visiting Walter Price

and H. D. Hallman.

Win. Dempsey of Station, Tex., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. H. D. Hallman.

Miss Verna Neel spent Saturday night and Sunday with Jewell and Jettie Box.

J. D. Causey has purchased a new car.



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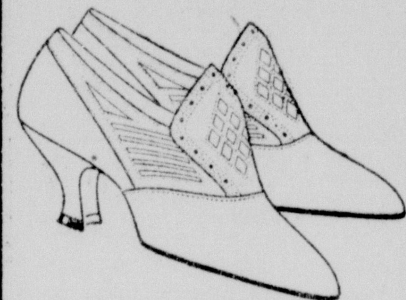
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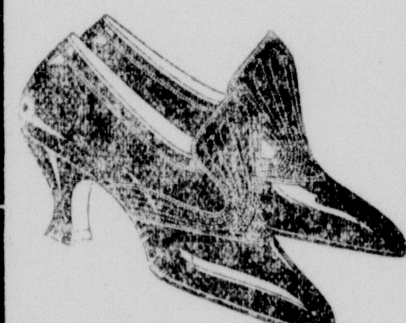
### IRIS

This Pump is in satin only, with heels as shown; also in medium box heels; trimmed with brocade satin straps. This is a very classic model.



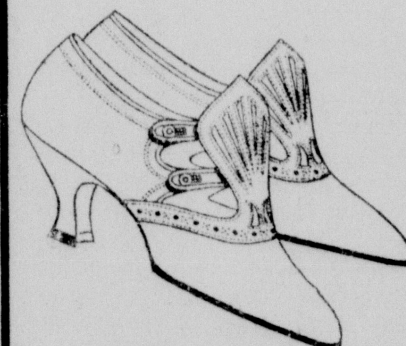
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**W**e've just had a radio from Santa Claus to the effect that his preparations are the greatest ever and asking us to implore you all to do your part in order that none of the kiddies and grown folks shall be disappointed.

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It need hardly be mentioned that even in the emergencies of Holiday business our stores safeguard qualities and promote values.

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Give her a radio Christmas  
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Phone us today, have your clothes in shape

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**RUSSELL'S**  
"Where Price and Quality Meet."

**RENFRO HARDWARE CO.**  
"If it's an appropriate gift, we have it"

**B. & W. DRUG CO.**  
Shop early for choice—Shop here for quality

**THE EVERYTHING STORE**  
Everything for the gift shopper

**MURRAY'S SHOP**  
Visit our gift shop early.

**CREATH AND CREWS**  
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**J. M. UNDERWOOD**  
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**H. F. McKIBBIN**  
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You can get what you want at our store

**ROBINSON MERCANTILE CO.**  
The store that makes the price of dry goods

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**THE FALLIS STORE**  
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## KEY TO REFORM IS TOLD BY MINISTER

REV. J. A. BIRNBAUM DISCUSSES CHRISTIANITY AS CURE FOR ALL ILLS

The strange fact that the world has been in almost constant process of reform since the dawn of written history but is still almost as badly in need of reform as ever was forcibly pointed out by Rev. J. A. Birnbaum, pastor of the Lutheran church, in a recent sermon. Rev. Birnbaum said in part:

"Ever since sin entered into the world there has been a need for reform; at times this need has been felt more keenly than at other times, but it has always been there. Just before the reformation conditions had become so corrupt that a change from the better was not only desirable but positive necessary to keep the world from going to ruin. That the world is again in need of sweeping reform is a fact which is generally felt and conceded by the people of our day and time. The whole world seems to be in a turmoil affecting all classes and conditions of men. Look at the political upheaval brought forth by the world war. Look at the industrial world and note the relation between capital and labor. Look at the world from a social view point and note the immense fortunes of the few whilst the masses are groaning under the heavy burden of the high cost of living. Look at the world from a religious view point. What has become of the old time religion? The modern up-to-date preacher has other matters to attend to. He must play an important role in every movement inaugurated for the moral or the political or the social uplift of humanity, he must entertain, he must devise means and ways to raise money for the church. He must taste and give expert criticism on the value of the soup and cake and the ice cream sold for the benefit of the church. He is indeed a most occupied man, hence he rarely, if ever, finds time to devote himself to the study of Christ and to present to his hearers. Him of Moses and the Prophets have written and if the preachers have already gotten so far away from religion, what can be expected of the hearers? If the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the power of God into salvation, is no longer preached, how, then, can it exert its beneficial power upon the church goers.

### A Vanished Eutopia

"There was a time when the need of reform was not so keenly felt as it is today. Just before the outbreak of the World War there were many who were of the opinion that we were not only going from bad to better but were most strongly convinced that we were about to obtain that highest point of perfection beyond which reforms became impossible. Much was heard in those days about the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man and how this doctrine would be generally accepted and put into practice and put an end, yes, make impossible all strifes and war, supplanting hatred with love. I heard ministers who were so firm in their conviction that they proclaimed: 'In ten years Jesus Christ will own the world.' The ten years are nearing their completion and unless I am badly mistaken the Devil never had a firmer grip on the world than he has today. In short that the world is very much in need of reform today is such an outstanding fact that few if any

will deny it. "If then we are in need of reforms we are equally in need of reformers. Now of reformers there is no lack. You will find them anywhere, in the kitchen and in the parlor, in the school on the street corners and at police stations. Wherever you may go, you are apt to find men who will catch you by your coat collar and tell you that if they were to make the laws they would change certain conditions with which they happen to be dissatisfied. But the trouble is that reformers do not reform. Since the time immemorial men have reformed the world and yet the world is as much if not more, in need of reforms today than at any time, hence there must be something wrong with this process of reform, be it that the world is incapable of being reformed or that wrong methods and means have been used and employed for its reformation. Our text shows us where the trouble lies. Hence let us consider with the aid of the Holy Ghost the reasons why most reformers do not reform. 1. That the first requisite of reform is a change of heart. 2. That the change of heart can not be wrought except by faith in Christ.

### Deceitfulness of the Heart

"Our text at once strikes at the very root of all evil necessitating reforms when it says: 'And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.' God has searched man's heart and he has told us in His word the condition in which he has found it. The Prophet says: 'The heart is deceitful above all things.' Furthermore 'the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth.' From these and other passages of Holy writ we plainly see that after the fall man's heart is corrupt, that it can not be reformed until it has undergone a great change. Since man's heart is wicked and since his heart controls all his actions, it stands to reason that man can not be reformed unless his heart is first changed. Our Savior therefore, when referring to the natural man, 'to that, which is of the flesh,' does not speak of a reformation but of a new birth saying: 'Except a man be born again.' It is in this new birth that a new heart is created within us, a heart capable of reforms. Now it is this fact that is overlooked by most of our reformers. Most of them hold the opinion that natural man is good at heart and comparing him to a blank graphophone disk which receives its impression according to what is spoken or sung into the machine. The doctrine of original sin, according to which our nature has been totally depraved, deprived of its original righteousness and inclined to all that is evil, is either flatly denied or silently ignored. The Ps. says: 'Behold I was shapen in iniquity and in sin my mother conceived me.' But they say I was good by nature and if I am not now morally perfect it is due to the evil impression which I have received from without. Man is what he is made to be by his environments. That this doctrine is opposed to the teaching of the Bible we have already noticed, nor is it in accord with human experience and observation. Who of us has not observed time and again, that children are always more ready to learn and copy evil than good? Yes if we call to mind our own childhood we will have to admit that we ourselves were no exception to this rule. We must admit that we have thought evil thoughts which were not suggested by anything from without, and that we have done evil deeds which we copied from no one."

### Only One Method Open

The minister then declared that "unless the desperately wicked heart of

man changed" all efforts at reform must prove unavailing. The only way a change of heart can be effected, he stated, is through faith in Christ. "This faith has the same power today," he asserted, "as it had in the time of our Savior."

"Luther proclaimed it, and his name has gone down in history as the reformer of the church. Nor was his influence simply felt in the church, but like a little heaven, it has leavened the whole lump of the civilized world. The Lutheran church of today is doing the same thing which Luther did, proclaiming God's free grace to the sinners for Christ sake, and wherever this message enters into the hearts of sinners it changes and purifies the heart. If we will only continue to do what Christ told us to do, preach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments as he instituted them, we shall be instrumental not only in saving immortal souls but we shall also be and remain a great power for good in this world.

"Could we only induce every one to embrace in true faith Christ as his Savior there would be little need for reform left, everybody would be willing to do his duty, not for selfish gain but for the welfare of all mankind.

"But the wise men of the world will continue to reject the Gospel. It is foolishness unto them. They can not understand how faith in Christ is able to do so great things. They think what the law cannot do especially when it is enforced with a sword and gunpowder, surely cannot be done by faith in Christ. Wherever and whenever the message of God's free grace in Christ is proclaimed it has always called forth a storm of protest, not only from the unbelieving children of this world but also from the false prophets. It has been claimed that such doctrine would encourage the sinner to continue in his service of sin, and would encourage him to say I believe that my sins are all forgiven for Christ's sake and I shall be saved.

"People who speak thus of faith do not know the nature of faith. If I

believe that God out of love to me, a lost and condemned sinner offered up his son for me, I cannot but feel grateful toward my benefactor and exclaim with the Psalmist: 'O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good and his mercy endureth for ever.' If I am tempted to evil deeds I will say with Joseph: 'How can I do such wicked things and sin against God?' The desire uppermost in the heart of every believer is to know the Lord's will and to do it. True faith always is followed by good works. As little as you can separate heat from fire, so little can you separate good works from the life of a faithful Christian.

### Faith a Purifier

"Faith purifies the heart. Let us my friends, give heed to this great lesson which we have learned from our text today. If we are the happy possessors of this faith let us thank God for having called us by his Gospel and ask him to keep us in true faith unto our blessed end.

"If we are yet without true faith, let us hear and study the word, the words which are spirit and life. They will quicken us through the operation of God the Holy Spirit, they will create faith in us and renew a right spirit within us. This faith will save our souls and moreover will also influence our lives that we shall become instruments for great good to our fellow-men and to the world at large, in other words, make of us real reformers. Amen.

### FAIR CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF AGRICULTURAL ABILITY

A practically undeveloped agricultural section, Nine Mile community, in the central part of Johnson county, Wyo., has convinced itself and its neighbors that profitable crops can be grown here, through a community fair held in September, according to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture. There are more than 4,300 square miles in Johnson county; it has two towns, one with a population of 1,800, the other of about 200. Its ag-

riculture has been confined largely to the production of live stock under open-range conditions, an industry extensive enough in the past to place the county among the richest in the state. Within the last five years, however, because of severe droughts and the fencing of much of the grazing areas by homesteaders, interest has been aroused in a more diversified farming system. An agricultural extension agent was placed in the county in 1921 and through his efforts a number of

ranchmen, particularly in Nine Mile community, where conditions seem well adapted to dry farming, have undertaken to follow methods he advocated in cultivation of forage and grain crops. A number of gardens also were planted.

To provide a place for the exhibits at the fair and seating accommodations for visitors, the committee provided a temporary shelter made of canvas tarpauling and logs. Poles and lumber are very scarce in this section

of the country, but each farmer contributed his share of material necessary by bringing all the canvas, poles and planks that he could spare from his place. When the community fair opened, September 7, there were nearly 500 entries of farm and garden products, boys' and girls' club exhibits, and domestic arts contributions. A musical program was given, games played, a basket lunch served and talks made on dry farming. More than 400 people attended the fair.

## TOY LAND HEADQUARTERS FOR SANTA CLAUS

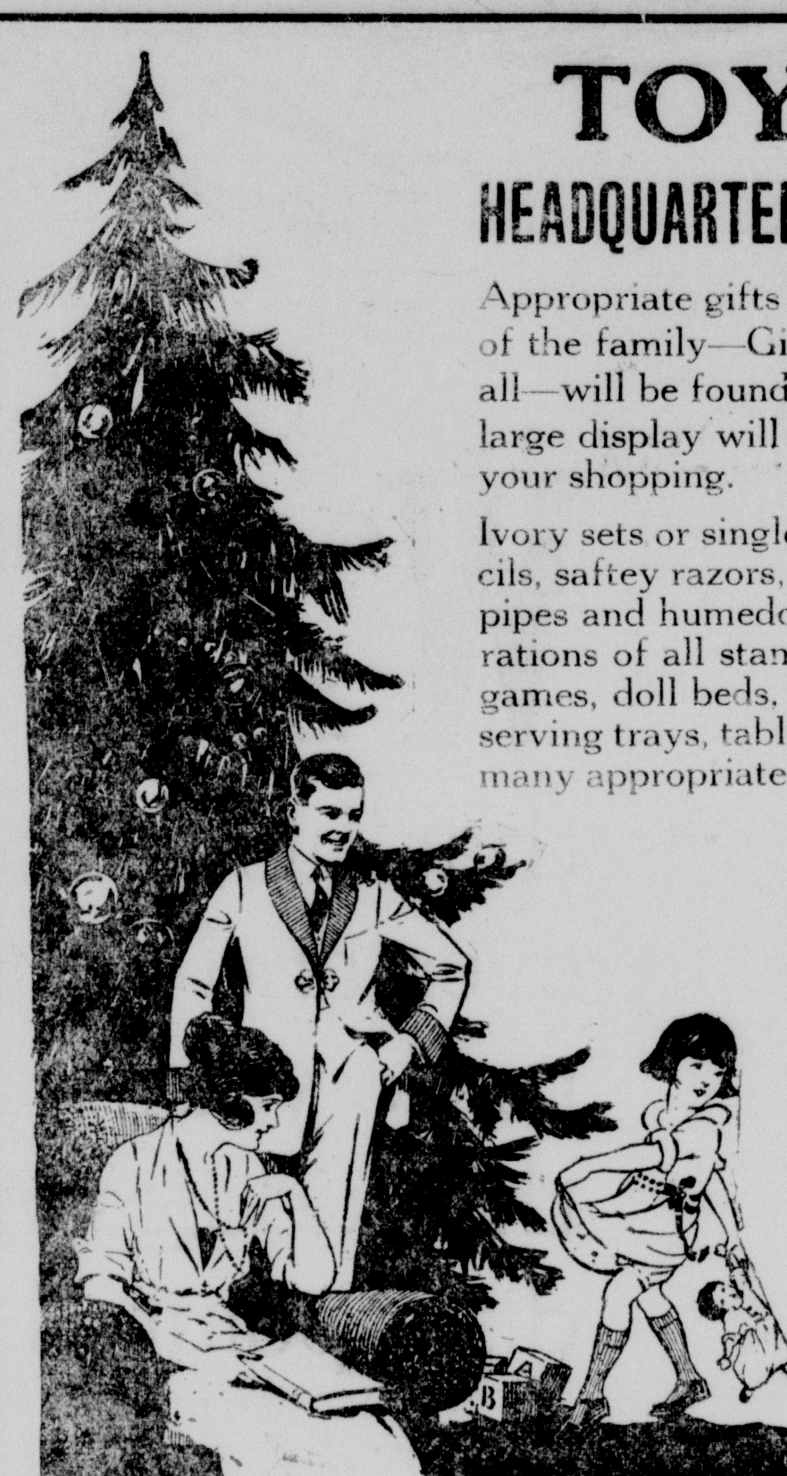
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The very reasonable price will be another feature which will make it possible for you to select your full list without exceeding the amount you had planned to spend for gifts.

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## Give Her a Woman's Car This Christmas

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# THE LAST DAY

## Last Day!

The Day of Days is almost here!

Tomorrow is the last day of balloting!

When the clock points to the hour of 12 Saturday night, there will have ended the shortest, the most liberal and the hardest fought newspaper circulation campaign ever conducted in this vicinity.

It has been predicted that this will be a race of narrow margins; hence every subscription, no matter how small, is valuable. Think what victory means in this race—Luxury, Pleasure, Riches—the very best things that life holds out are in store for some. Who! Ah, that is a matter that only hustle and organizing ability will determine.

This has been a fairly fought campaign. It has been conducted along absolutely impartial lines. The best campaigners are going to win. Those who apply themselves during every minute of the time there is left are the ones whose chances are most likely. The battle of ballots has been waged at a heart-breaking pace these last few days, and many surprises may be sprung by the quite but energetic workers. Who knows how many have bridged the gap from bottom to success since the vote standing last appeared?

This uncertainty has stimulated every candidate to increase his or her vote total to the very limit of their ability, for each has realized that their competitors are doing the same thing.

## Saturday is the last chance!

The stage is set; everything is in readiness for the overwhelming rush of votes and subscriptions that will come. Every hour that remains has possibilities. But every minute counts. One supreme final effort tomorrow may land that prize for which you have been working, and have set your heart upon. The friends who have responded with supporting force can hardly refuse at the moment when a little helping may mean victory.

Candidates must send or bring their subscriptions in by 12 o'clock Saturday night or they will not be credited.

Every stub must be accompanied by a remittance to cover same and no money will be refunded after the votes have been issued on same. This rule will be strictly enforced for the mutual protection of The Vernon Record and the many candidates.

There is still time to wage a winning race. Reward hovers near for those who have the stamina to grasp it. Only a little added work may place you among the happy circle who will be honored by one of the many prizes.

The judges who have been selected to count the votes for the final standing will start their task and will finish by Sunday morning if possible. The winners will be announced and the results published Tuesday or placed on a bulletin in The Vernon Record window Sunday, depending upon the time it requires to make the final count.

## The Judges

Some of the members of the Advisory Board, selected at the beginning of the campaign, will be asked to act as judges; to canvass the finding in the ballot box, and to award the prizes. The personnel of this board is as follows:

HUB COLLEY  
Lumber Dealer

R. D. HURT  
Farmer

T. J. MILNER  
Farmer

T. C. FROST  
Farmer

LON BYARS  
Farmer and Banker

R. D. L. KILLOUGH  
Lawyer

A. M. BOURLAND  
Farmer and Banker

All of these gentlemen are well known to everyone in Vernon and surrounding territory, and the final result, as given out by them, will be beyond dispute.

### Fourth Period Vote Schedule

The last week (terminating December 16) the following number of votes will be issued on subscriptions:

1 year	\$ 2.00.....	3,000	3 years	\$ 6.00.....	30,000	5 years	10.00.....	60,000
2 years	4.00.....	15,000	4 years	8.00.....	45,000	6 years	12.00.....	90,000

The above schedule of votes, which is on a declining basis, will positively not be raised during the campaign. A special ballot, good for 100,000 extra votes, will be issued on every "club" of \$12.00 in subscriptions turned in. A "club" may be composed of small or large subscriptions, totaling \$12.00 worth. No subscriptions will be accepted for over six years from any contestant.

## RIGHT NOW

With the end of the campaign but a few hours away, and the race apparently so close that a few big subscriptions now from unexpected sources might be the very ones necessary to stem the tide of defeat and turn it to sweeping victory, candidates are straining every nerve in final efforts for supremacy, while all of Wilbarger and surrounding counties are watching, waiting, wondering—and hustling for their favorites. Now is the time, if ever, to help YOUR favorite in this race for rich prizes, the winning of which means honor, glory and the equivalent of a small fortune. Your subscription now for two, three or six years may be the deciding factor in this race. Here's an opportunity to do a real kindness for a friend; a little lift that may mean a prize worth \$1,485 for him or her, and without costing you a cent more than you would pay for your paper anyway. Don't wait to be asked to subscribe, for in these last frantic days the one you would like to help may not be able to reach you. Campaign closes promptly at 12 o'clock Saturday night, December 16.



## PROFITABLE HOME ORCHARD POSSIBLE

By W. B. Lankham, Assistant Director, Extension Service, A. & M. College of Texas

We are inclined to measure profit in dollars and cents. But we must acknowledge that money can not always purchase the real benefits which make life worth while. Health, happiness and contentment are the greatest assets in the farm home and the most profitable farm practices must of necessity be those which are conducive to the promotion of such a state of existence.

Doctors and dieticians have mutually agreed that fruit in the diet is conducive to a healthful family, while money cannot measure the happiness produced in the home by fresh peaches, apples, plums, berries, etc., to say nothing of apple dumplings, peach cobbler, jam preserves, etc. These are essential to complete home life and may best be obtained by a home orchard. In fact a home orchard to be the most profitable does not necessarily mean one from which the fruit is sold, but it is the orchard that furnishes an abundance of wholesome fruit for the year round, either fresh or canned, for the farmer's table. We are too prone to think only of the physical man's fitness for farm practices, but the mental man is much more vital to success. The farmer who has a balanced diet will think clearer and do better work, and thus be in a better position to practice profitable farming, while a happy, healthy family will save doctor bills, lost sleep, and worry and keep the farmer in a good frame of mind to plan and work his other crops.

### Fruit Growing Neglected

Fruit growing has been sadly neglected in Texas and there are fewer bearing fruit trees on Texas farms than there were ten years ago. Peaches are probably more generally grown over the state than any other fruit, yet ten years ago there were over seven thousand more farms growing peaches than there are today, about five thousand more farms growing plums, while the pear, which will come nearer growing in all parts of the state than any other fruit, is produced on almost four thousand less farms than ten years ago.

One reason that the commercial production has decreased during the past ten years, is that much of the land was planted to fruit that is not suitable to fruit production. However, there is no reason why some kind of fruit should not be grown on practically every Texas farm. The time has passed, however, if there ever was such a time, when trees can simply be planted and then left alone and expected to bear profitably.

The first thing in planting a home orchard is to select the proper site. Most any fertile, well drained soil which will produce other farm crops profitably will grow an orchard. The site, however, should be selected as close as practicable to the house, since most of the fruit is harvested by the household. It is not practical at this time to attempt to give varieties, as varieties that will succeed well in one section of the state might be an absolute failure in others, so it is suggested that the would-be planter consult his local nurseryman and visit orchards that are bearing, then select the varieties that are apparently making the best success.

**Guarding Against Diseases**  
For deciduous fruits, one year old stock from three to five feet in height

is the best. Make sure that the stock is absolutely free from any insects or diseases, especially crown gall and San Jose scale. The amateur planter will do well to patronize only a reliable nursery. The itinerant tree peddler is usually more concerned in selling trees than in having them grow. This is not an argument for the catalogue nurseryman, but is a suggestion that one deal with a nurseryman who is in the business to stay and who will take a personal interest in the tree's growing.

The best time, on the average, to plant is late fall or early spring. The land should be in as good condition as is necessary for an ordinary farm crop such as cotton or corn. A good average distance is 25 feet apart for most deciduous fruits. This will give about 70 trees to the acre, and if varieties are properly selected so as to ripen in succession, will give a supply of some kind of fruit over most of the season. It is necessary only to dig the holes deep enough to take care of the roots of the young trees without crowding. The tree should be planted about the same depth in the orchard that it stood in the nursery. Fill the hole with top soil, taking care that the soil is worked tightly around the roots. Probably more trees dies from allowing the roots to dry out by not having the soil packed firmly, than for any other one reason. Before planting, of course, any broken or diseased roots should be cut off, and after the tree is planted, if it is merely a whip, as the best type of tree should be, it should be cut off about knee high from the ground. If there are a number of stocky side branches, three to five of these well distributed around the trunk, may be left to form the future scaffold limbs of the tree, and these should be cut back about two-thirds. All other limbs should be cut off close to the trunk. This is all the pruning that is required.

I have a system which will absolutely take the grease and dirt off your automobile without possible injury to the car. Fords \$1.00, six cylinder cars \$1.50.—T. L. Coston, at Empire Laundry, 96-31p.

### Notice

All my land is posted and anyone found hunting with dogs or guns on same will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

J. H. KINCHLOE.  
85-1fp.

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## THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST GUARANTY STATE BANK

Wish to express our appreciation of the business with which we have been favored, at this, the close of the Old Year.

Also wish you a successful and Prosperous New Year.

If your banking connections have not been satisfactory as they should have been the past year, start the New Year right, with a checking account with the—

**FIRST GUARANTY STATE BANK**  
"The Bank You Can Bank On"

## HARNESS

We have a good stock of Harness—Notice our prices covering some of the items in our harness line.

Team bodies with heavy 4-inch leather traces <del>\$29.50</del>	Duck collars . . . . . \$2.20
Double stitched heavy 2-inch leather traces . . . . . \$16.25	4-inch leather back bands \$1.40
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Black faced leather collars \$5.90	1 1-8 inch by 18 ft. lines . \$5.75
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If you want to buy harness at very reasonable prices—See our line before you buy.

**North Texas Hardware Company**

Phone 236

## Foster's Weather Bulletin

Washington, Dec. 11.—Things are not what they seem. A large number of my readers are slow to learn that old fact. I have often told you this, but letters continue to come saying the storms do not come from the northwest. They stick to the idea that the storms move with the wind. When angry clouds indicate that a severe storm is organizing stand with your left hand in that direction from which the wind blows, and if organized storm has reached you, you will be facing the center of the storm, the clouds will be flying with the wind and the storm will be moving in some other direction; the wind blows in a circle around the center of the storm. But before the organized storm reaches you the clouds fly with the wind and nearly toward the center of the storm. If the center of the storm passes over you the clouds will break away, but temperatures remain high; then look out for the worst part of the storm to follow. Black clouds indicate a great storm, green clouds a tornado; clouds like an elephant's trunk warns that a tornado is near. Clouds with rough edges indicate no danger; with rounded, and smooth edges warns you of danger. A cold wave, or blizzard, comes down in an opposite whirl and blows outward on all sides. Local forecasts follow:

Section 1: North of 47, between 90 and Rockies' crest: lowest temperatures 17 and 28, highest 22 and 30; average near normal; severe storms and most moisture near 23; normal moisture 22 to 27.

Sec. 2: North of 47, east of 90; highest temperatures 16 and 24; lowest 13 and 30; average near normal; most severe storms and most rain following 24; normal moisture 24 to 30.

Section 3: Between 39 and 47 and between 90 and Rockies' crest: lowest temperatures 18 and 28; highest 15 and 22; average warmer than usual; most severe storms and moisture following 22; normal moisture 22 to 28.

Sec. 4: East of 90, between latitudes 39 and 47; highest temperatures 15 and 27, lowest 19 and 29; average warmer than usual; most severe storms and most moisture 22 to 29; moisture near normal.

Sec. 5: South of 39, between 90 and Rockies' crest: highest temperatures 16 and 22, lowest 19 and 28; average near normal; most severe storms following 22 and most moisture. Normal moisture 22 to 28.

Sec. 6: South of 39, east of 90; highest temperatures 18 and 24; lowest 21 and 30; average near normal; most

severe storms and most moisture following 24; normal moisture 24 to 30.

Sec. 7: North of 43 1-2 west of Rockies' crest: lowest temperatures 16 and 26; highest 20 and 29; most severe storms and most moisture following 20; normal moisture 20 to 26.

Sec. 8: South of 43 1-2 to Mexican line, west of Rockies, crest: lowest temperatures 16 and 26; highest 20 and 30; average near normal; most severe storms and moisture following 20; normal moisture 20 to 26.

Within twelve months from first day of next month one of the greatest droughts will strike North America and cause long and serious damages to one-third of the continent. That will make the seventh great continental drought I have predicted in seven years; six of them are in the past and the records prove that the forecasts were good. Is that enough to make you think? About 300 of the best friends of my weather work have my complete description of that great drought. They will be my witnesses that I fully described that crop-killer more than a year in advance. I am still working on and will soon complete the system that will indicate the years when the best crops will be produced in the high lands and when in the low; I know it will work and will be of great interest to all agricultural lands on all parts

of this continent, particularly middle Canada and the great plains east of the Rockies.

### RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call hence our esteemed friend and brother, Judge Sterling P. Huff; be it therefore resolved, that we, members of E. T. Murchison chapter No. 424 Order of the Eastern Star desire to extend our condolence to the bereaved ones in this hour of deep sorrow and assure them of our sincere wish to aid and comfort them in the loss of the husband and father and our brother in the Eastern Star.

Brother Huff was a charter member of this chapter and was at all times faithful in the discharge of his duties. He was a living example worthy of emulation. In his death we have sustained a great loss.

Be it further resolved; that a copy be published in our local papers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Rena M. Watts,  
J. N. Fulcher,  
Mrs. Bertha A. Ross,

11c.

Record classified ads for results.

## CREAM BREAD

Many people think that "Bread is Bread"—that all bread is alike. They change their minds, however, after eating

## Cream Bread

The secret of its good flavor lies in the method of baking. Eat toasted "CREAM BREAD" with bacon and eggs—a delicious combination—and let the toast remind you of the many other CITY BAKERY products.

## CITY BAKERY & Confectionery



A Whisper to the Fair from "Texas Finest Clothes Shop"

## The Great Christmas Men's Store

Real men's things are assembled here; gifts from the four corners of the globe, chosen primarily for their appeal to men; things that "he" in choosing would himself select.

### Thoughts from Our Men's Section

A Suit of Clothes	Leather Hand Bags	Man Hatton Shirts	Fancy Belt Buckles
A fine Overcoat	Gladstone Bags	Silk Shirts	All Leather Belts
A Utility Coat	All Leather Cases	Wool Shirts	Cuff Link Sets
A Sweater Coat	All Fiber Cases	Silk and Wool Sox	Leather Bill Folds
A Lounging Robe	Dress or Street Gloves	Cotton and Lisle Sox	Fancy Union Suits
A Raincoat	Lined Driving Gloves	Silk Mufflers	Dress Shoes and Oxfords
A Dress Pant	Heavy Work Gloves	Wool Mufflers	Utility and Work Shoes
A Corduroy Pant	Linen Handkerchiefs	House Slippers	Best Grade Work Clothing

### From the Boys' and Children's Section

Boys' Knicker Suits	Boys' Hats	Boys' Shirts	Boys' Ribbed Stockings
Juvenile Suits	Boys' Caps	Juvenile Blouses	Boys' Lined Gloves
Youths' Overcoats	Juvenile Hats	Boys' Trousers	Boys' Dress Shoes
Boys' Overcoats	Boys' Neckwear	Boys' Unionalls	Boys' Work Shoes
Boys' Sweater Coats	Boys' Hosiery	Boys' Overalls	Boys' Booties
Boys' Pull Over Sweaters	Boys' Belts	Boys' Wool Shirts	Boys' Tennis Shoes

### A Man's Store Where Ladies Enjoy Shopping

Extra salespeople, in order to give prompt service. Your patronage and good will appreciated

**Dixon Dry Goods Co.**

The Reliable Men's and Boys' Store



## Vernon Delegates Land Transcontinental Road

Coffee and McHugh Telegraphed that Lee Highway Is Routed Through Wilbarger County

Vernon and Wilbarger citizens, as well as the entire citizenship along the proposed southern route of the Lee Highway in southern Oklahoma and Texas are rejoicing today over a signal victory in Washington yesterday when telegraphic advice flashed the news that this section had been chosen as a part of the route for one of the main streets of America. The directors of the Lee Highway Association assembled at the Nation's Capitol Wednesday, decreed that Vernon shall be on this route.

R. H. Coffee, the recognized leader for Southern Oklahoma and Texas, in the long drawn out fight which resulted in a victory for the southern route, and county Judge E. L. McHugh an ardent supporter of good roads and one of the outstanding figures in Wilbarger county's good roads movement, were the official representatives of the Texas-Oklahoma interests at Washington. They left Vernon for Washington last Sunday night and are expected home next Sunday or Monday.

**A Big Enterprise**  
The Lee Highway association was organized a few years ago at Roanoke, Va., when a few enterprising business and professional men of that section who possessed a vision in keeping with the rapid progress of science and invention that has practically revolutionized passenger transportation in America, following the advent of the motor vehicle, met and decided that a transcontinental highway crossing America through the southern states and extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, would be a means of uniting a vast region in a manner that would ultimately mean that the owner of a jitney could make a motor trip across the continent, a distance of over 2,500 miles, on a hard surfaced pike.

The fact that such a movement had been started in the northern states and had already made enough progress to insure the success of the Lincoln highway, lent courage to the men who were contemplating this move.

When this meeting adjourned the Lee Highway Association had been organized, with a full board of directors and work was immediately begun looking to the county and state organizations, finances, routing, etc., of the road.

**Dr. Johnson Active**  
Dr. S. M. Johnson of Washington was a charter member of the board of directors, and from the very beginning he was one of the most active individuals in the movement. His deep interest in the enterprise and hard work soon won for him the position as director general of the organization.

At present the road is hard surfaced from New York to the Arkansas line on the eastern end and from San Francisco to New Mexico on the western end of the road. The plan of the directors seems to have been a closing up-the-gap process.

**Vernon Fortunate**  
The work of the association was necessarily slow, and the enterprise was required to meet and solve from time to time, many difficult problems. The first route designated through southern Oklahoma and Texas ran through Altus, Okla., Childress and Westward via Plainview to Roswell, N. M.

One day in June, 1922, R. H. Coffee was in another state on business. On this trip he met a highway official from whom he gained information to the effect that the Lee Highway was not permanently designated over the Childress route. Mr. Coffee immediately began investigations and with the assistance of Jed Morrow, a well informed man on federal highways, he succeeded in getting a hearing from Dr. Johnson which disclosed the status of the Lee Highway through southern Oklahoma and Texas. The telegraphic wires were used freely and no time

## WILBARGER COTTON CROP WILL VALUE OVER \$3,700,000

Record's Final Report Places 1922 Crop At 27,800 Bales—Local Gins Run Part Of Time

The Record's final ginner's report indicates that 27,800 bales will be ginned in Wilbarger county in 1922, according to statistics gathered from over the county this week.

The total bales ginned in the county to date is 26,628. This figure exceeds that of last season by approximately 3,000 bales. Estimates procured from the various gins indicate that about 1,200 more bales will be ginned this season.

**Value Much Greater**  
It is estimated that the value of this year's crop will approximate \$3,700,000. This is over \$1,000,000 more than the cotton crop yielded last season, according to the Record's computation. It is expected that bank deposits in the county will probably be 50 per cent to 40 per cent greater on the next call than they were at the same period last year. The county was never in better condition financially, according to local business men and bankers.

The following is a list of the number of bales ginned at the county gins:

Parsley Hill	1,313
Oklahoma	1,616
Dayland	1,725
Harrold	1,871
Odell	4,309
Tolbert	675
Lockett	2,565
Elliott	579
Fargo	2,191
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,954</b>

The following is the record of the Vernon gins:

Vernon gin	2,388
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Peoples Gin	2,362
Farmers	1,073
F. & M.	2,600
Planters	2,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,973</b>

All of the Vernon gins will run hereafter part time only. They will run Thursday and Friday of next week only.

**Fiddling Party At Howard's**  
"Sally Goodin" "Turkey in the Straw" "Arkansas Traveler" "Ten Goes the Weazel" Yes! and any old thing you wanted to hear was heard at the home of Dr. A. P. Howard Wednesday night when some visiting fiddlers joined the local bow artist in an old fashioned fiddling party at the home of the famous Vernon fiddler, Uncle Billie Houghston. Mr. Free and Mr. Cunningham of Chillicothe and A. C. (Sallie) Robertson and Louis Franklin, local fiddlers, were the guests at the Howard home. The Chillicothe fiddlers exhibited a violin 300 years old at the party.

**VICTOR BERGER CALLS AT WHITE HOUSE**



Victor Berger, of Milwaukee, Wis., once expelled from the U. S. House of Representatives, but re-elected on the Socialist ticket, was a recent caller on President Harding at the White House

## Santa Claus Writes Wilbarger Folk a Letter Today

Via Radio from Santa Claus to the inhabitants of Wilbarger county:

My Dear Folks:

"Owing to the rash of orders and requests to serve you all, I must have a little help."

"So show early. In fact you will have a greater stock from which to select. Start now."

Santa.

## MAY CONSOLIDATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

ELLIOTT, GUYER, THOMPSON AND EL RENO INVOLVED IN PROPOSED PLAN

Consolidation of the Elliott, Guyer, Thompson and El Reno school districts into an independent district which would support a modern urban school was discussed and plans for the merger formulated at a meeting Wednesday night at Elliott. A preliminary meeting held last week at a church building in Elliott when many persons from the four communities expressed themselves as being strongly in favor of the proposed move.

County Superintendent L. A. Hollar was planning to attend the meeting this week. He was unable to be present at the meeting last week, but he is enthusiastic over the prospect of adding another fine rural school to the Wilbarger county system.

Tentative plans for the consolidation which has been the theme of interest for the last two years, include building of an up-to-date school structure of brick construction, to cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000; employment of eight teachers and establishment of transportation facilities for pupils living more than two and a half miles from the school. The location for the building has not been determined, but in case the merger is accomplished it will probably be built in the vicinity of Elliott. A high mound near Elliott is said to offer one of the best natural sites for a school building in the county.

According to figures prepared by County Superintendent Hollar, the consolidation would result in a saving to the four districts, as well as in increased efficiency. Taxable valuation in the four districts, as shown by this year's assessment, are as follows: Guyer, \$211,755; Elliott, \$295,550; Thompson, \$229,214; El Reno, \$146,800; total \$883,319.

The number of pupils enrolled in the districts this year is given as follows: Guyer, 66; Elliott, 89; Thompson, 67; El Reno 51; total, 273.

Ten teachers are employed in the four districts at present, Mr. Hollar stated, while under a consolidated school, eight teachers would be employed and have only 34 pupils each, under the present enrollment.

Guyer has a \$2,000 bond outstanding. Six hundred dollars of this amount has been paid, and Superintendent Hollar estimates that \$300 more can be paid at the close of the present school year. There is a special \$1 local mill tax in three of the districts, and a 50 cent special tax in the fourth.

Mr. Hollar estimates that the saving in teachers' salaries alone, through the consolidation, would be \$185 per month. All four of the schools have modern equipment, including up-to-date heating plants, he points out, and it would not be necessary to use any of the money from the bond issue to buy fixtures and furnishings.

The assessed valuation of the four districts is more than \$200,000 above that of the Oklahoma district, which has one of the finest schools in this part of Texas. The Oklahoma valuation is \$664,825.

Mr. Hollar states that the belief exists among some patrons of the schools in question that the bond issue would be in addition to the special \$1 school tax. But the law places \$1 as the maximum tax for all school purposes he said.

**BOY TO MR. AND MRS. BEDFORD JOHNSON OF AMARILLO**

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bedford Johnson of Amarillo are the parents of a baby boy born yesterday, according to telegraphic advice received by relatives here.

Mr. Johnson is a brother of Les K. Johnson, vice president of the Herrington National Bank. Mrs. Johnson is the daughter of the late Judge S. P. Huff. The boy has been named Sterling Huff Johnson.

## Vernon Men In Washington.



E. L. McHUGH, County Judge Wilbarger County



R. H. COFFEE, Chairman Texas-Oklahoma Division

R. H. Coffee was the foremost figure in the fight which resulted in a clean cut victory for the Texas-Oklahoma southern route of the Lee Highway. He has spent the greater part of his time during the past six months in an effort to swing the transcontinental road through Wilbarger county.

Judge E. L. McHugh was the principal figure in the county election last year when \$600,000 in road bonds were voted in this county by a majority of over 4 to 1.

Both were in Washington Wednesday when the road was designated through Vernon.

## J. T. J. DUNSON DIES 6 P. M. LAST TUESDAY

PROMINENT WILBARGER FARMER PASSES AWAY FOLLOWING ILLNESS OF 2 MONTHS

J. T. J. Dunson, prominent farmer living in the White City community, north of Vernon, died last Tuesday at 6:10 p. m., following an illness lasting for several weeks. On October 2 Mr. Dunson had a difficulty with a tenant farmer living on his place, as a result of which he sustained a fractured skull that is said to have caused his death.

The remains were laid to rest in East View cemetery Wednesday at 2 p. m. The funeral services were conducted at the family residence by Rev. F. D. Pearson.

Mr. Dunson was born November 29, 1850 near La Grange, La. His parents died when he was but a small child, and he was raised by an uncle near Alexandria, La.

He was married to Miss Mollie Matthey December 27, 1883. The couple resided in Louisiana for 17 years, and moved to Wilbarger county January, 18, 1904. He lived in the same community for about 18 years.

He is survived by his wife and four children: Mrs. H. B. Adkins, of Harrold, Mrs. G. W. Riggs of Fort Worth, Marcus M. and Seymour Dunson, who reside in the White City community.

The deceased was a devout member of the Baptist church, and has always been active in the affairs of the organization. He had been a Christian since manhood.

**Bazaar at Harrold**  
The ladies of the Harrold community are holding a bazaar today and tomorrow. The proceeds are to be used to furnish the school dining room.

## COLLECTOR BLAIR REPORTS PROGRESS

AUTOMOBILE REGISTERING AND PAYMENT OF TAXES IS VERY BRISK

The busy season at the county tax collector's office is making itself felt, according to Collector Blair. "Automobiles are being registered rapidly and the fact that the laws requires them to be registered this month will make this a busy month," said Mr. Blair today.

The state and county taxes are being paid faster than they were last year.

It is estimated that this year's taxes will produce about 25 per cent more revenue than the amount collected last year, according to Mr. Blair. This fact is due to the \$600,000 road bond issue. Poll taxes are also being paid freely. More women are paying their poll taxes this season that paid last year.

Mr. Blair was in Harrold yesterday. This will be his last official over-the-county trip, it is said.

## WOULD FURNISH CITY WITH ELECTRICITY

VERNON ELECTRIC AND ICE COMPANY SUBMITS A PROPOSITION.

The Vernon Electric & Ice Company submitted a proposition yesterday to the city commission whereby the company proposes to furnish electric current for the new water supply plant near Condon Springs. The letter to the city officials follows:

Vernon, Tex., Dec. 14, 1922  
Honorable Mayor and Commissioners, City of Vernon, Vernon, Texas.

Re: Electric current for pumping water.

Dear Sirs:

Confirming verbal proposals made to the mayor in behalf of the Vernon Electric and Ice Company, I submit for your consideration the following:

1. This company has ordered a 550 horse power Fulton Diesel Engine unit it promised date of shipment from factory in St. Louis January 10, 1923;
2. We are prepared to furnish electric current in sufficient quantity to do all the pumping of water for the City of Vernon, including the proposed increased supply to be taken from near Condon Springs.

3. We can furnish this electric current for two years longer or shorter period as may be agreeable to the city.
4. The rate for this electric current to be the price your own consulting engineer, Major John Hawley, will in writing state as engineer is a fair price for the city to pay.

I am prepared to execute this contract should your Honorable Commission give it favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
VERNON ELECTRIC & ICE CO.

**PLANS FOR POULTRY SHOW BEING RAPIDLY PERFECTED**

The annual Wilbarger Poultry Show that will be held in Vernon on Dec. 28, 29 and 30, is attracting wide attention, according to officials of the organization.

"We have put on a new feature to the show this year which is making a hit," said one of the officials today. The show will be held in the A. P. Peck building on South Main street. The building is already being put in readiness for the show, according to H. D. Hockersmith, secretary of the local organization.

**WILL PLACE LARGE ELECTRIC SIGN AT RAILROAD STATION**

Announcement came today from the Vernon Electric and Ice Company that they would install a large electric letter sign near the railroad station as soon as the winning slogan in their campaign was determined.

The local electric company is offering a prize for the best 7 word slogan for Vernon. It is the slogan that the company proposes to use in their sign, should have a slogan. The value of slogans has been proven in other towns," said Mr. Rossman, manager of the new company.

## Record Election Closes Tomorrow Night at 12

FAIRBANKS ENGINES CONTRACTED FOR BY CITY COMMISSION

Combined Horse-Power of Both Machines Is 300—Local Company Proposition Not Considered

The city officials have contracted to purchase 2 engines from the Fairbanks Morse people to be used in connection with the new water supply now being developed on the city's property near Condon Springs, according to an announcement made by Mayor Harry Mason this morning.

One of the engines will have 200 and the other 100 horse-power capacity. It has not been determined yet whether the engines will be placed at the downtown pumping station or at the Condon Springs property.

**Unlimited Supply**

The city has recently developed practically an unlimited supply of water on the 20-acre tract near Condon Springs. A large reservoir is being built on this property. A large main will be laid to supply the city and next summer should find Vernon with enough water to supply a city three or four times as large as Vernon, according to the engineer who tested the water source.

The city commission recently cancelled their order for 8-inch and re-ordered the 10-inch main. It is estimated that a 10-inch main is capable of transmitting approximately 1,000 gallons of water per minute. The water from the new source is practically 100 per cent pure, according to chemical analysis.

**Proposition Unsatisfactory**

In commenting on the proposition of the Vernon Electric and Ice Company submitted to the commission yesterday, whereby that company proposed to furnish the electric power and lights for the new water plant, Mayor Mason said, "The city has no regular consulting engineer. We had Major Hawley employed only for a day or two. Besides the company's proposition was of such a general nature that it failed to furnish sufficient information to enable us to determine whether it was a good or bad one for the city. If the company will submit a proposition to pump the water for so much a day or for a stipulated amount for every 1,000 or 10,000 gallons, the city would be in a position to consider the offer. But we cannot stop to consider so general a proposition as that submitted by Mr. Rossman."

**New Mexico Visitors Here**

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Masie of Roswell are visiting their son F. L. Masie, in Vernon. They were accompanied by their granddaughter, Mary Catherine Masie, who has been visiting them for several months.

**HEALY MAY BE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF IRELAND**

**PLAY AT RAYLAND BAPTIST CHURCH SATURDAY NIGHT**

"The Old Fashioned Mother," a parable of a mother's love triumphant over the neglect and ingratitude of her children, will be staged at the Rayland Baptist church tomorrow night.

A small admission fee will be charged, the proceeds of which will go to the piano fund.

**Mrs. Barry to Speak**

Mrs. Maggie Barry of College Station will be in Vernon Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 20. She will deliver an address before the Rural Parent-Teachers' Association meeting to be held at the Presbyterian church on that date.

Mrs. Barry has an important message and a large attendance of women from both town and rural districts is expected.

**STARNES & MARCUM PURCHASE BLACKSMITH SHOP IN VERNON**

Cussey Bros. blacksmith shop on West Texas street has been sold to Starnes and Marcum, who have recently moved their families to Vernon and will make their home here.

Mr. Starnes was formerly in the blacksmithing business at Harrold. Both parties moved to Wilbarger from Memphis.

Whole County's Interest Aroused—Candidates Making Efforts To Be Declared Winners

With the final hour, 12 o'clock Saturday night emblazoned on their minds, stirring scenes are being enacted by candidates in the Record's Great Automobile and Gold Election now swiftly drawing to a close.

Aroused to unprecedented opportunity of winning two beautiful motor cars and other prizes of big value, every passing hour is instilling new energy to ambitious workers. Everywhere they are swarming in eager and anxious quest for subscriptions that will win one of the big votes, and in the end one of the big automobiles.

These workers pay no attention to frequent rumors that circulate with the hope of damaging effect—to discourage competitors in the race. Misleading stories have but one effect—impelling some candidate to retire for fear of being passed by some one else in the race. Such tales have no foundation whatever. It is obvious that no one can determine the ultimate result of the campaign.

Courage and downright hustle are the two main things to observe. Votes are the only thing that will win the prizes and every candidate should—and for that matter they are taking upon themselves to annex just as many votes as possible between now and the close.

The road ahead may be strewn with barriers, but these will be of slight consequence to the one who goes steady, fastly onward through the corridors of chance and out into the "Land where happiness lies."

The final and fateful hours of this big race are here. Time waits for no one. In order to win you must get busy in earnest.

All subscriptions deposited in the sealed ballot box must be accompanied by cash, money order or certified check. Personal checks up to \$10.00 are acceptable, providing no two checks are signed by the same party. This rule is made in fairness to all candidates and will be strictly adhered to.

**ELKS WILL REMEMBER POOR CHILDREN CHRISTMAS**

It is the purpose of the local Elks to reach every child in Vernon with its Christmas charity work, according to announcement from officials of the lodge.

At the local lodge room a big Christmas tree will be found, and Santa Claus is expected to visit this Christmas tree and leave it full of toys, dolls, nuts and all of those things that gladden the hearts of little boys and girls.

The officials of the lodge stated today that any little boy or girl in Vernon who wanted to send a message to Santa Claus before Christmas should do so either through the Vernon Record's Santa Claus columns or see O. K. Storey, Mayor Mason, Buddy Hall or some official of the lodge.

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## OPEN COLUMN

all over the country there is a growing demand for more hospitals. At a meeting of the A. & M. in Boston two years ago the committee on hospitals reported that every county should have a good hospital to meet the need and demands of the general public.

At a meeting in St. Louis in May they tried to emphasize the importance of more hospitals.

Facts and figures show on inability everywhere to properly care for all sick and disabled.

The modern hospital is founded on three great original ideas or facts.

First, the best available medical and surgical diagnosis and scientific equipment.

Second, trained nursing.

Third, anesthetics and sterilization or the principals of non-infection.

These three great principles have done what could never be done in the past—transferred the serious sickness of the world from the home to the hospital.

As to the first point it may be said that the healing of the world is now in the hands of the modern hospital. Around the hospital gather the elite of the medical and surgical profession, and a patient is more liable to get scientific treatment from such eminent specialists in consultation than from an individual practitioner who perhaps has had small experience in similar diseases.

The modern hospital has the most scientific methods of investigation by the ablest surgeons and doctors. They can best generalize on conditions of disease doing research work and keep clinical histories, which make it the most comprehensive and scientific laboratory for the study of particular ailments. Such accumulated knowledge being unavailable to the individual doctor.

During the last thirty-five years life has been lengthened on an average of 12 years. This is the result of the new humanitarian spirit that has seized modern life and put it to work for human betterment. Sanitation and health methods have been worked out into a science and have been religiously applied.

In 1873 there were only 143 hospitals in all the U. S. But since that time the increase has been simply enormous. They have had a large share in extending the average human life. A hospital serves the health interests of a community, just as a grocery store does its food interests or a school its educational interests, or a church does its spiritual interests. A hospital sets a standard of sanitation and health for a community and raises the community to it. About 6 per cent of our people are laid up for repairs all the time. The hospital is the human repair shop. We never think of trying to repair our auto at home but carry it to a shop because the work can be done better and more successfully at the garage. Some slight repairs can be done at home, but anything serious requires the equipment and services of a shop. So of the human body; it is far more important than the best auto and the best repair shop should be accessible.

As a profession we do not ask for hospitals to be built for our own special pecuniary benefit. It is because we know it is for the public good. Medicine is a profession of service and not a commercial venture. And any attempt to make it so will end in disaster and usually failure. True, we must live by our work. But in my life I have never seen the man who works for the joy of it go hungry or his children begging for bread. It is the law of life that he who gives most gets most and the men who give most are usually the men who are accomplishing most in every walk of life.

A good general hospital in this country is a matter of the very greatest importance. This town is favorably located in the best country in Texas—a county of wonderful resources.

I wish to refer briefly to the beautiful parable of the good samaritan who bound the wounds of the injured man whom he found on the roadside, set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn and took care of him. He turned the inn into a hospital and endowed it for the care of the sick for whom he felt personal responsibilities. In this parable Jesus puts his endorsement on the hospital as one of the means of doing Christian service and it has proved itself to be one of the best institutions of Christianity.

In the last analysis, human life and its perfection is the predominant factor in all our problems, whether personal, social, state or national. The standing of a nation, ultimately, is only to be measured by the standard of human lives. These general principles have long been admitted by all states.

**DR. C. D. SMITH**  
Osteopathic Physician

Office Phone 67—129 S. Main St.

### "He Cannot Read His Tombstone When He's Dead."

"If with Pleasure you are viewing any work a man is doing.  
If you like him or you love him, tell him now.  
Don't withhold your approbation 'till the Parson makes oration.  
And he lies with wreaths of lilies o'er his brow.  
For no matter how you shout it, he won't really know about it.  
He won't know how many tear drops you have shed.  
If you think some praise is due him, now's the time to slip it to him.  
For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead."

"More than fame and more than money, is the comment kind and sunny  
And the hearty warm approval of a friend;  
For it gives to life a savor and it makes you stronger—braver,  
And it fills your soul with courage to the end.  
If he earns your praise, bestow it; if you like him let him know it.  
Let the words of true encouragement be said.  
Do not wait till life is over, and he's underneath the clover,  
For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead."

"Down the ways of truth and beauty, you can bless the deeds of duty.  
If you'll give a hearty handshake when you can;  
For no matter what your station, there's unmeasured inspiration  
In the words of honest praising you can give your fellow man.  
If he needs your help befriend him, you can always love extend him;  
You can lift his load a little, ere the light of life is fled;  
Do not wait till he is sleeping, where the broken hearts are weeping  
For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead."

(Author Unknown)

men and economists.

Address at First Methodist Church last Sunday by Dr. J. E. Dodson.

1702 W. Sycamore street, Denton, Tex.  
Editor of the Vernon Record, Vernon, Texas.  
Dear Sir:

Student life at the North Texas State Normal College at Denton is such a busy, interesting affair that we young people from Wilbarger county think perhaps our families and friends, your readers, might enjoy hearing about our doings. This first term has been so full of worthwhile activities that we can hardly realize we shall be at home for the Christmas vacation in just two weeks.

The Normal College Eagles won the Thanksgiving football game with the San Marcos Bob Cats by the close score of 16 to 13, thus bringing to an exciting close the 1922 football season. This victory left the Normal college the only undefeated team in the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic association for the season. The Thanksgiving game was the most thrilling event of the

college year and was witnessed by a crowd of about 3,000 students, former students, and townspeople of Denton. Between halves of the game about 300 Normal College girls staged a "snake dance" and pep demonstrations in which they formed in large letters across the field, the college initials, "N. T. S. N. C." while the boys on the bleachers gave the N. T. S. N. C. Locomotive yell.

One of the most popular clubs of the Normal College is the organization of Girl Scouts. The club this year has enjoyed several hikes, sunrise breakfasts, and activities of similar nature, and recently was honored by a week's visit from Miss Pauline Wherry, of New York traveling secretary of the National Girl Scout organization, who gave courses of instruction in the different phases of the work. The work of this club in the Normal College is directed by Miss E. Virginia Broadfoot, of the physical education faculty. It is of double value to college girls in giving them opportunity for recreation while in college and in giving them training for directing such work among girls when they

go out to teach. Miss Mary McHugh, of Vernon, is a member of the club this year.

Yours sincerely,  
ELIZABETH HAYES

LOCKETT

By special correspondence.

Lockett, Dec. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kahl of West Vernon were visitors in this community Monday afternoon.

On last Thursday afternoon Kinchloe basketball team played Lockett on the latter's court. The score stood 12 to 20 in favor of Lockett.

B. H. Westbrook left with his family last week for the plains.

Sam Linecum of Chillicothe visited his parents last Tuesday.

Lillian, 7 months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Thorn, is seriously ill.

H. S. Starr, of Vernon, was in this community Wednesday on business.

UNION

By special correspondence.

Union, Dec. 14.—The first killing frost of the season fell in this community Saturday night. Everyone is glad because it will open the bollie cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. Pirschfeld and family visited their daughter, Mrs. Lee, of Iowa Park, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Copeland are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Dec. 3. There was a very large crowd at singing Sunday evening. Prof. E. D.

McDonald lead their singing.

Among the visitors to Vernon Saturday were Misses Gracie and Etta Brewster, Lily and Annie Birchfield and Bennie Lon Gilchrist, Bob Hampton, H. B. Clarida, Dee Kaheidon, Mrs. Lois Mathus and little daughter, Fay, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie L. Bess and B. W. Wood.

Everyone come and bring the little folks to practice their Christmas pieces Wednesday night. Bob Hampton and daughter, Ethel and Mrs. Jessie Bess will have charge of the little folks.

John Gilchrist and Burial Ward were business visitors in the Brown community Saturday.

Mrs. E. B. Gilchrist spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Jim Nix.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Hampton and son, Jimmie and little daughter, Neal, attended singing here Sunday evening from Lockett.

H. B. Clarida has purchased a new car.

ODELL

By special correspondence.

Odell, Dec. 14.—Miss Velma Beach spent Sunday with Miss Wilma Bell.

Mrs. Bill Britain visited Mrs. C. D. Shelton Monday afternoon.

The Woman's Missionary society was well attended Monday afternoon.

Miss Myrtle Thompson spent Sunday with Miss Minnie Melton.

The Odell School will close Friday for the Christmas holidays. The teacher will attend the institute and then visit home folks.

The Sunday afternoon singing was

well attended. Several from Lockett were present.

Horn Adams and Deimeter Towry attended the sale at Chillicothe Monday. T. J. Watson and B. Y. Haynes were Chillicothe visitors Monday.

Miss Maurine Loope has been ill for the past few days.

Rev. F. D. Pearson filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church both Sunday morning and night. A large crowd attended both services.

Miss Lucille Killough visited in the Red River community Saturday and Sunday.

R. G. Wynn and Albert Boone have returned from Waco where they attended the Masonic lodge.

Miss Nettie Thompson spent Sunday with Miss Maurine Loope.

Rev. Pearson spent Sunday with Leon Wynn and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Grantham, of Plainview community, were visiting in the Early Beach home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Phillips and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Phillips' parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Blackberry.

Miss Elizabeth Blackberry returned from Albus Sunday, where she visited her parents, Friday and Saturday.

Neal Hamilton and Webb Cook, who are attending school in Odell spent Sunday with their parents in the Red River community.

Mrs. Nora Cook and children, Webb and Myrtle, spent Saturday night with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Spurgeon McDougal and family.

Mrs. E. B. Vasey, who returned

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## FORESEES SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN CHINA

MISS BLANCHE GROVES TELLS OF WORK AT SOOCHOW BAPTIST MISSION SCHOOL

A glowing account of the work of American missionaries in China is contained in a letter received by Mrs. W. C. Alderman and the Woman's Missionary union of the Baptist church from Miss Blanche Groves, former Vernon school teacher and now a missionary in Soochow, China. The letter was written Nov. 17. Miss Groves expresses the belief that a great religious awakening is about to sweep the Orient.

Baptist women, assisted by other departments of the church, are sending Miss Groves a suitcase-style Victrola and a number of records, to aid her in her work. She mentioned in one of her letters the need for such equipment. Miss Groves' letter follows:

Because I know you are praying for and interested in the work here, I feel that I should write you even more frequently than I do. But there is so much to be done here and so few to do the work that there isn't much time left for writing. The consciousness that you are praying for us and the work here is a great stimulus. I'm sure the exceeding great joy I find in the work here is in answer to the many prayers of you dear Christian friends in the home-land.

We have had a most glorious opening of a new year's work. Our year's work really begins in September of each year. Schools are crowded, churches are filled to overflowing and every phase of our work has taken on new life and spirit.

### Great Changes Take Place

Our second great cooperative meeting in Soochow was held in September during which time hundreds of people confessed Christ as a personal Savior and with this new addition to our ranks we are expecting a great year's work in this part of the Master's vineyard. Even in the two years I have been in China I see great changes taking place in the lives of the Chinese. In spite of the different forms of idolatrous worship and the rebuilding of temples that have gone to decay, yet, there is a deeply spiritual tide sweeping over China. Men and women here are turning to Christ as their only hope. It seems to me we need your prayers now as never before. For as China is being wrested from the power and clutches of Satan and turning toward Christianity of course, Satan is making a last final and desperate effort to regain and hold dominion over this country and that he has held sway over during all these past centuries, I never so vividly realized Satan to be a living personality until I have been in this country where he has reigned supremely for such a long period and now he is being dethroned. I also have never felt Christ to be so real and so powerful. He is "All Sufficient" and is indeed a constant friend and daily companion. The prayers that have ascended the Throne from America through all these past years in behalf of China have

been and are still being answered, for God indeed answers prayer.

### Answering Prayer

I know not by what methods, rare. But this I know, God answers prayer. I know not when He sends the word. That tells us fervent prayer is heard. I know it cometh soon or late. Therefore, we need to pray and wait. I know not if the blessing sought, Will come in just the guise I thought. I leave my prayers with Him alone, Whose will is wiser than my own.

I am especially happy now that my two years' course of language study is finished and am giving full time to the work. My work seems equally divided into three parts, one part used in Yates Academy for boys, one third of my time given to Wei Ling Girl's Academy, and one third given to specific church and evangelistic work, principally Sunday school and night school work. However, school work is so truly evangelistic that a distinction could hardly be made.

We have organized a normal training class for our Sunday school teachers and Department Superintendents over 40 in number. Have already completed one division of the Normal Manual and I'm expecting this large class to complete the book and receive their King's Teacher Diplomas by "China New Year," which comes the 1st. of February. Week by week I am outlining the lessons in English and having it translated into Chinese as some of our Bible women and teachers do not understand English, I am enjoying this class supremely.

### The Sunday School Work

We have had our Sunday school graded for two years into 9 departments including the Cradle Roll, Home department and young peoples' department, coming in between to fit our peculiar need. Each department is doing enthusiastic work. Our attendance is over 500 every Sunday. In addition to our morning Sunday school we hold afternoon Sunday schools for the street children in five different chapels with an attendance of several hundred each Sunday. This work is carried on largely by the Christian students of our schools, with one Missionary supervising the work of each chapel.

We have this year opened a social center in the heart of the city. Here we have both day and night schools, giving much of the time to Bible study. Many non-Christians and government

students will study the Bible in order to get English and are often read to Christ in this way. I'm getting much joy out of this phase of our work.

Last spring I wrote you about my Berean Sunday school class. I must tell you some more about it. Last year we enrolled more than 40 in the class and had a great many new students to enter our academy this year hence we decided best to organize a separate class for these new students and some of the others. This class is starting out with an enrollment of 20 under the name "Conquerors," with the motto "We do things." I am expecting to make some good reports of this class later.

My own Berean class, now over 35 in number, that I have enjoyed so much the past year is full of enthusiasm and in answer to daily prayer for them I feel they are really getting a vision of Service. At our last meeting the class voted to open a night school for the servants of this compound over 20 in all.

### Success of the School

The class is assuming all financial responsibility as well as the teaching. Last week we had a class meeting at which time we invited the servants to meet with us and together discussed the plans and schedule. The appreciation and enthusiasm that was shown by the servants filled my soul with joy and was an inspiration to the class. The school has been opened with a full attendance and is the first of its kind in our mission in Soochow, however other denominations here have similar schools, may I ask your prayers for the success of this work. Our aim is to lead to Christ each member of this school.

Our Berean class this year is divided into two sections for the teaching of the lesson as we have nine Koreans some of whom know but little English and less Chinese. After the opening exercise and business a Korean minister student takes charge of this section and teaches the lesson in his native language. I do some work with the Bereans using both a Korean and Chinese interpreter. I have never before so fully realized the direct work of the Holy Spirit to do that which is humanly impossible.

Last Sunday the Bereans sang a special song in the church which seemed very impressive to the audience. All together sang one verse of "In the Sweet By and By" in English. The

Koreans then repeated the chorus in Korean language, next the Chinese in their native tongue and last all joining in together on the chorus in English. As I listened to this song I got a clearer vision of what I think Heaven will really mean, a new joy I associated with Heaven at that moment viz: A reunion there, a meeting of my American, Chinese and Korean students. Oh! what a joy unspeakable that will be, for I love my students devotedly. I pray that God may spare my life and give me Divine help and power to lead the students I work with to know Jesus as a personal Savior. The Lord wonderfully blessed the Bereans last year only two were left unsaved at the close of the spring term. I am praying for the salvation to these two still. It will mean a great sacrifice to them in their homes to confess Jesus as Savior for their homes are the darkest of dark heathen homes, but I praise the Lord that His power is greater than that claimed by Buddha or any of his followers. Every letter I write I feel like urging you again and again to be constant in prayer for us and the work here. It's your work and the longer I stay here the more I realize how impossible it would be to carry on the work here without you.

### Keeping in Touch

I wonder if there is anything I can do to keep you in closer touch with the work. Is there any specific information you desire? If so, please call on me. Keep me in touch with you and your work also. I am always happy to get reports of your work.

I hope this letter reaches you in time to know that I am wishing for you the happiest Christmas you have ever known. May the true Christmas spirit hover about you throughout the Yuletide season.

Even though this letter is a general one I hope you will all consider it a personal letter to you and answer with a long letter. American mail is a great joy to us, let the next boat bring a letter from you.

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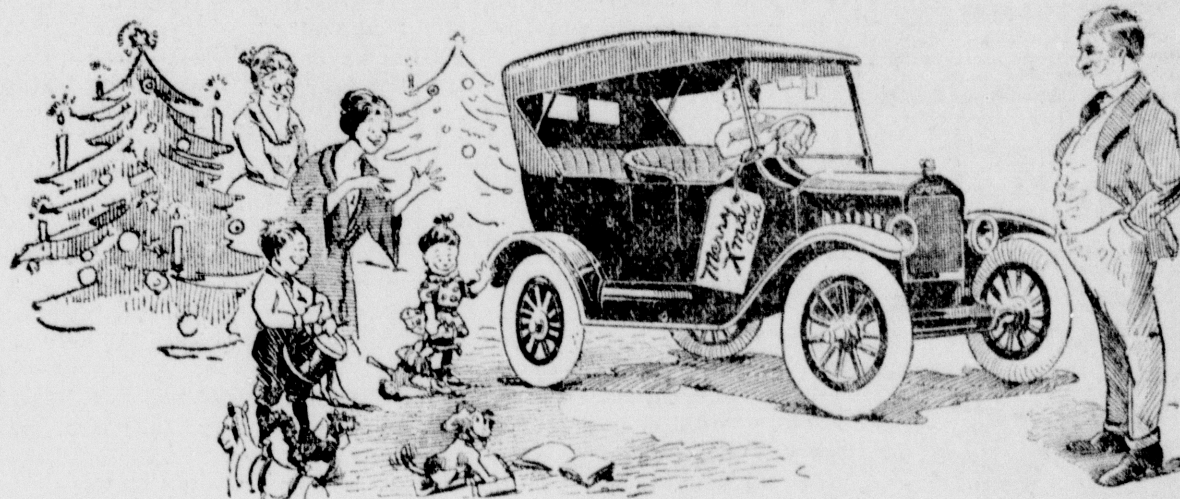
And Bro. Mims is now your pastor

I read of the wonderful revival you had and rejoice with you Bro. Mims held a meeting at Decatur when I was studying in high school there. I've not gotten away from the impression he

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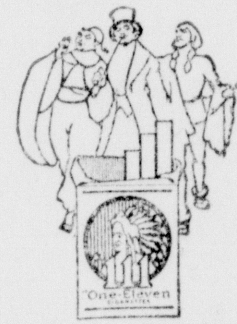
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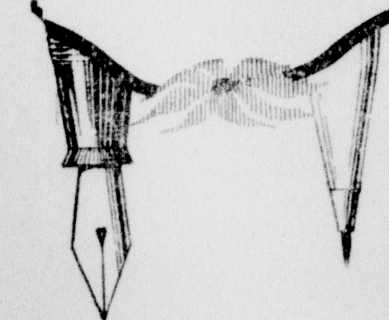
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Vernon, Texas, Friday, Dec. 15, 1922

**THE CHRISTMAS  
BUDGET**

And after making the Christmas money, then comes the spending of it. And this is a harder proposition than the first, for no matter how much Christmas money any of us have it is never half enough to do all the things we want to do for Christmas. It just seems no matter how little and stingy we are the rest of the year, our hearts sort of swell up and want to do real things at Christmas time. Don't know why we seem to love the children more than any other time of the year. Don't know why we have a more kindly feeling for the whole world at that time than any other. But we do. Don't we. Most all of us have felt that internal longing to remember everybody we love at Christmas time. And some times that feeling just grows so strong within us that it actually drives all the joy of Christmas out of our hearts because we know we can not do all the things we want to do. And some of us have even been guilty of wishing Christmas would not come and make us feel that way.

But that is not right. We should not feel that way. There must be something wrong somewhere. What's the matter? Then is the time for us to look into our own heart and try to discover the real motive of Christmas and see if we have the real Christmas spirit in our hearts or if we are not suffering from some wrong conception of the day. Now if we think of Christmas as a "National Pay Up Day" and try to pay all our debts of kindness that we have contracted through the year, why of course, we will all be perfectly miserable for the whole month before Christmas, for it would be impossible. So before you start out to spend your Christmas budget, look carefully into your heart and see if that is not one of the reasons you are dreading the holiday season. And is not that the reason your budget seems so small? If you find this to be the case, then the first thing to do is to correct your Christmas motive. Get the idea out of your mind that Christmas is the one day of the year when you should try to pay all your social debts.

**The Christmas Spirit**

Christmas as we see it, is the one day in the year when it should be our business to scatter cheer. To let folks know we love them, whether they are rich or poor, whether they are sick or well, whether they are up or down. Whether they are in or out with this big wide world. Whether they are our debtors or creditors, that is not the question at Christmas time. There may be a whole year or many years before us to pay those debts of kindness. Why try to do all that on the same day and neglect the real work of Christmas, that of scattering joy and sunshine where it is most needed and where it is least expected.

Suppose we try this year to give simple gifts and more of them. Spread your Christmas cheer out more, so there will be enough to go around. How much more like our Heavenly Father it would be for us to plan for everybody to receive a Christmas package on Christmas morning than for a few of the children and the people to receive an armload of costly gifts and hundreds and thousands of others go unthought of on this great Gift Day. If we could all get the right control of ourselves for this one day, and if we could all drive selfishness, Christ-

mas selfishness and Christmas pride and Christmas rivalry out of our hearts, how much happier we would all be. Give the things we can afford to give. Christmas gifts should not be valued in dollars and cents, but in love and the joy that comes with the thought that those we love are thinking of us.

To the boys and girls especially who are working for their Christmas fund, to you we come for all example of wise spending of those dollars you have made. Suppose you have made only one dollar? How are you going to spend it? It looks like it would not go far. But it will do a lot of things for your home folks. It will buy a toy and a pretty booklet, and a sack of candy and an orange and a hair ribbon and a handkerchief and a pretty dish for mother or it would get several Christmas cards that would carry a lot of joy all over the country to those who are away from home. If you have only a dollar for your Christmas cheer fund just see how much cheer you can get out of that dollar, unless you think mother or some other member of the family needs all the most. That is for you to decide. It is your Christmas dollar if you have made it. And if the dollar belongs to a girl, she might make a dozen pretty things with a dollar's worth of materials if she only knows how to use her hands as well as her money to make Christmas gifts.

**Scattering Sunshine**

For us older folks, there is nothing we all enjoy on Christmas morning more than a kind thought from our friends from all over the country. It may be a word of encouragement just when we need it most. It may be a word of appreciation that will stimulate us to greater effort throughout the whole year to come or it may be an inspiration to us throughout our life. So many of us need kind words and encouragement and appreciation and a little boosting that would cost only a few minutes time and a two-cent stamp. And it would make us happier and do us more good than any thing else in the whole Christmas time. Why most of us can buy our own socks and suspenders and handkerchiefs and neckties and silk hose and powder puff and poems when necessity demands it. But oh, how the most of us do suffer for the sake of a few kind words and a little cheer along the way. If some of the flowers and kind words that will be wasted on our funerals could be sent along at Christmas time each year how much more real pleasure we would all get out of them. Let's try it this year. And if you don't have the time to spare to write your kind thought to your friends, then be brave and honest enough to "Say It" to him when you meet him. My, what a happy day it would be if everyone of us would send at least one kind thought to somebody this Christmas.

**RESEARCH PROGRAM FOR HOME  
ECONOMICS WORK OUTLINED**

Dr. E. D. Ball, director of scientific work, United States Department of Agriculture, represented Secretary Wallace before the home economics section of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges, which held their thirty-sixth annual convention in Washington, D. C., November 20-23. Doctor Ball said in part, speaking of the proposed new bureau of home economics:

"The first thing the Department of Agriculture has to do in the organization of a bureau of home economics is to get that organization approved by Congress, and the bill is now before the committee of the House for consideration. If the change is approved, then the next step, as I see it, is to gather together a committee representing the very best thought of home economics and related lines of work that we can find here in America. This committee would have two matters to consider.

"A program of research work must be considered, because the work of the department as a whole organization must in the future, even more than in the past, be along research lines. Now is the time to very materially strengthen the scope of research work in the department activities and in home economics. The second and more difficult

function of the committee will be to select someone to lead the work. A research program depends on the individual who directs and inspires the work. In the final development of home economics in the Department of Agriculture it seems very likely that it will be a bureau which will have the organization and direction of work that will be carried on in a considerable number of other bureaus.

"We must think of home economics work as a thing as big and broad in its scope as the whole Department of Agriculture is. It serves a field as big as the field of the Agricultural department. It is entitled, when it comes to its own, to the recognition that the service to agriculture has received, and I feel that this recognition will be forthcoming."

**DALLAS NEWS RADIO PROGRAMS**

Program for the week.

Regular Daily Features  
10:15 a. m. WFAA—United States Weather Bureau forecast and cotton region bulletin on 485 meters, followed by Dallas produce market quotations, early cotton market report and Wall street review on 490 meters.  
6:15-7:00 p. m. WFAA—Bedtime stories, "Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy," followed by fairy story, news items and sports.

**Special Daily Features**

Monday, Dec. 18—  
12:30-1:00 p. m. WFAA—Address, Mrs. Eugene Bagley, "Work of the Women's Clubs."  
8:30-9:00 p. m. WFAA—Special musical program by representatives of Mineral Wells, Texas; Miss Hazel Sparks, soprano, Dallas, assisting.

Tuesday, Dec. 19—  
12:30-1:00 p. m. WFAA—Address, "Timely Stories," DeWitt McMurray, editor of the Semi-Weekly Farm News, editor of the Southern Rite Herald, Sunday editorial writer, member of the Dallas Board of Education.

8:30-9:00 p. m. WFAA—Special program by representatives of Weatherford, Texas; Miss Moore's School Quartet assisting.  
11:20-12:00 p. m. WFAA—Artists' recital arranged by Bush & Gerts Piano Company of Texas.

Wednesday, Dec. 20—  
12:30-1:00 p. m. WFAA—Address, W. E. Prather, oil geologist, on "Oil and the Near East."

Thursday, Dec. 21—  
12:30-1:00 p. m. WFAA—Address, Dr. J. B. Cranfill on "Speederitis."

8:30-9:00 p. m. WFAA—Special program, by representatives of Cleburne, Texas.

11:20-12:00 p. m. WFAA—Artists' recital, arranged by W. H. A. Watkins Company.

Friday, Dec. 22—  
12:30-1:00 p. m. WFAA—Address, Dr. Robert S. Hyer, Southern Methodist University, "The Sunday School Lessons."

8:30-9:00 p. m. WFAA—Gibson Mandolin and Guitar Club.

Saturday, Dec. 23—  
12:30-1:00 p. m. WFAA—Address, Dr. Robert S. Hyer, Southern Methodist University, "Current History Comment."

8:30-9:00 p. m. WFAA—Oak Cliff High School Orchestra.

11:00-12:00 p. m. WFAA—Artists' recital arranged by D. L. Whittle Music Company.

Sunday, Dec. 24—  
12:30-1:00 p. m. WFAA—Radio Gospel sermon by Dr. William M. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Dallas.

9:30-10:00 p. m. WFAA—Christmas music by choir of the First Presbyterian church, Harold Kellogg, director.

NEW TALENT ADDED TO  
MADAME BASCHI CONCERT

The managers of Madame Alice Baschi, who will appear in Vernon on the night of January 5, have altered the personnel of the celebrated contralto's assisting artists, the Musicians' Club announced today. This change was brought about when it was found possible to secure Miss Margaret Withers, who in 1920 received the first prize in piano at the New England Conservatory. Miss Withers has upon several transcontinental tours with noted artists received the highest

praise from the critics.

The second change in the personnel gives us Armando Leuci, an Italian violinist. Signor Leuci has toured extensively with Madame Baschi in Europe and she has induced him to make the tour of this country with her this season.

Great interest followed the first announcement. While the reserved seats do not go on sale until Saturday of this week, it was stated today that many people were willing to have the reservations placed aside for them. Members of the Musicians' Club and the Pendleton Music store are now selling general admittance coupons, which are exchangeable for reserved seats.

I have a system which will absolutely take the grease and dirt off your automobile without possible injury to the car. Ford's \$1.00, six cylinder cars \$1.50.—T. L. Coston, at Empire Laundry. 96-31p

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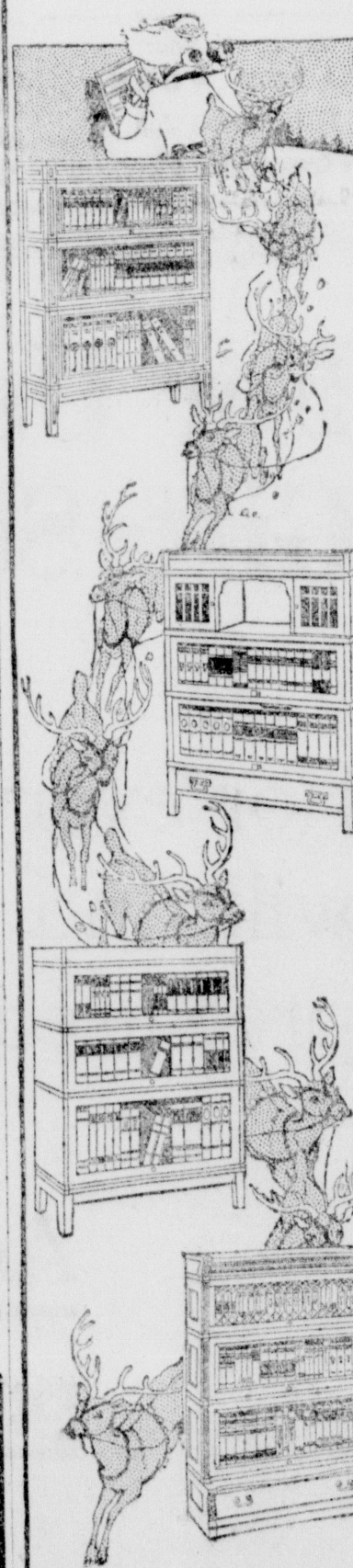
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TEAM

Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore entertained the local high school students last evening with a delightful dinner dance at their home at 510 South Main street. A delicious 7 course dinner was served, following which short talks were made by Marvin C. Culbertson, R. B. Galbraith and Messrs. Hollar and Smith, outgoing and incoming captains of the local football team. Vivian Smith was chosen captain of the team last night.

Mr. Galbraith commended the work of the team very highly and praised the services of former captain Hollar. He stated that captain-elect Smith would make a good pilot for next season.

Guests at the banquet were Misses Mattie Renfro, Ruby Thomas, Clara Whit Lane, Marguerite Thomas, Mildred Robertson, Leta Williams, Odessa Copeland, Charlene Milam, Marie Ashenbush, Agnes Taylor, Christine Gregory, Ida Maude Lutz, Helen Williams, Christine Keltz, Allene Ashenbush, Messrs. Jess Hollar, Harold Shive, Thornton Ferguson, Andy Thompson, Emory Rogers, Leil Buchanan, Robert Williams, Ray Key, Arlie Key, Gilbert Bourland, Hugh Boneland, Clifford Withers, Clarence Justin, Bruce Reed, Clarence Reed, Vivian Smith, Ransome Walker, Chester Robinson, Herbert Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Galbraith.

**BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY  
TO HOLD MEET NEXT MONDAY**

An interesting Missionary program will be rendered by Circle six at the First Baptist church next Monday in "Fulfilling the Royal Law."

The Sunbeams will also give a short program. The Sunbeams are doing good work under the leadership of Mrs. Swin, almost 100 have been enrolled. They have recently sent 40 pounds of candy to Buckner's Orphans Home.

**WILBARGER RESIDENT BURIED  
FARGO CEMETERY YESTERDAY**

G. R. McClain, aged 75, died at his home 11 miles northwest of Vernon, Wednesday, Dec. 13. He was buried yesterday afternoon at the Fargo cemetery. Rev. L. B. Hankins of Odell officiated.

The deceased is survived by three children, all of whom were present when the end came. They are: Ruth of Hale Center, Nettie and G. R. Jr., who resided with their father. D. E. Thomas and wife have been residing at the McClain home.

**Jones Enters Produce Business**

J. B. Jones, formerly manager of G. B. Foster & Co., has opened a produce house at the same stand occupied by the Foster company, the latter having recently retired from active business in Vernon.

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Friday Evening, Jan. 5th, at 8:15 P. M.

Admission tickets exchangeable for reserved seats which will be procurable at the Pendleton Music Store, December 15th, may be secured from members of the Musicians' Club or from the Pendleton Music Store.

Auspices The Musicians' Club of Vernon

Only a limited number of seats can be offered for sale on account of comfortable seating capacity of the Christian Church. Secure your seats early.

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## BEAUTIFUL ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY AT BAILEY HOTEL

Miss Louise Collins and Mrs. S. W. Bailey gave a beautiful announcement party to Miss Woody Dixon on Thursday of this week. Some of the guests came in the morning and played bridge and some in the afternoon and played Forty-two. The party was given at the Sun Parlor of the Bailey Hotel. The guests were conducted to the parlor adjoining the sun parlor by the hostesses and members of the house party, where each guest signed her name in a "guest book," which was on a small table at the entrance. Then the guests were taken to the sun parlor which was very artistically decorated with palms, ferns and other pot plants and pink chrysanthemums and other flowers. From the ceiling of the sun parlor hung rows of artificial sweet peas and Japanese lanterns, which gave the sun parlor the effect of a Japanese garden.

Mrs. W. K. Long won high score in the morning and was given a beautiful corsage of orchids, and Mrs. Harry Mason was presented with a beautiful corsage in the afternoon for having won the most games of forty-two.

The guests were served an ice course with individual cakes of angel food. On each plate was a card which stood a small dressed cupid and the following verse:

"I'm just a little cupid  
Dressed up  
To bring to you  
A secret about  
Woody and Le Banne;  
Yes, they are to be married,  
It's true,  
December twenty-seventh,  
Nineteen twenty-two."

Those who attended the bridge and forty-two party were as follows: Misses Adelle Stagner, Harriett Thomas, Esther Swartwood, Oleta Youngblood, Olive Shive, Minnie King and Bob Standifer and Mesdames Dan Sumner, Ervin McCarter, Walter McCaleb, S. S. Munger, Katherine Waggoner, J. E. Dodson, Nell Hardin, Morie Ferrell, Myatt Napier, Effie Bennett, Lawrence Piper, Joe Napier, Hub Collier, R. H. Coffee, Barney Williams, Guy Puckett, Fred Thompson, Ava White, S. P. Ingram, H. E. Rogers, C. V. King, Jimmie Robertson, Ben Leutwyler, Bruce Gibson, O. A. Brunson, E. C. Christman, Y. H. Babasin, W. A. Wilhelm, T. A. King, Bass King, Harry Mason, A. H. Murchison, Chas. E. Warren, Jr., B. D. Hamblin, J. A. Birdsong, A. M. Hatt, J. T. Williams, M. A. Dixon, Jettie's Wife, Perry Griffiths, Paul Goetze, J. H. E. Young, G. W. Bacon, A. B. Garland, B. J. Parker, C. M. Ladd, A. C. Rayzor, C. D. Ashenhurst, N. R. Heath, J. W. Wheatley, A. C. Boger, Cecil Storey, J. P. King, Wm. McCaleb, T. E. Standifer, H. K. Greener, E. F. Piper, Eunice Wilson, B. A. Williams, J. V. Townsend, Eugene Keltz, and Misses Anna Joe Pendleton, Maudie Ladd and Ethel Haney and Mesdames G. J. Gibbs, L. G. Hawkins, T. J. Youngblood, R. D. Shive.

Pies, cakes, candy, chickens and good eats.—Massie-Wright's Saturday.

A banquet was given Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the basement of the Central Christian church in honor of three classes winning the contest which ended several weeks ago. These three classes arrived at New York on the same Sunday, therefore all winning. Long tables just filled with good things to eat greeted the boys and girls on arrival. One little boy remarked, "I believe it's Christmas." Another, "I wish we could win a contest every week." Addresses on the "Sunday School Work" were given by Rev. Lewis P. Kopp, pastor, John Smith, superintendent of primary and intermediate departments. Those present were Misses Doris Swinburn, Beatrice Fowler, Mary Tom Lanar, Johnny Handy, Lucile Brown, Weiner Wall, Ester Kopp, Mary Hazel Zachry, Margaret Elliott, Cora Annie Buchanan, Margaret Ragland, Maurine Cartwright, Louise Kressenburt, Minerva Price Rhoads, Gwendolyn Staley, Addie Louis, Lucile Reed, Juanita McDonald, Gladys Webb and Bill Rogers, James Tacker, Clarence Price, Claude Blanchard, Freddie Reed Arthur Ward, Vernon Manis, David Eddings, Curtis James, Oddie Kressenburt and John Grimes.

The officers and teachers of the Sunday school of the Central Christian church met Wednesday evening to discuss further plans for Christmas. It was decided to have two small Christmas trees in the basement for the primary children on Sunday morning, while the White Christmas will be observed by the older children and adults. The children will give a program on Sunday morning. On Sunday evening a pageant will be given. Mesdames C. D. Greene, L. P. Kopp and Miss Emma Rhoads will have charge of the program.

Mrs. S. S. Munger was hostess to the Tuesday bridge club at its last meeting. Covers were laid for four tables. At the close of the games a plate lunch was served with dainty little pink nut cups as favors. Those present were Misses Adelle Sumner, Mary Anderson, Oleta Youngblood, Don Standifer, Lucile Holt, Esther Swartwood, Vera Harrington, Johnnie Mallow, Olive Shive and Mesdames Ervin McCarter, S. W. Bailey, Dan Sumner, George Hardin and Orba McCurdy.

Pies, cakes, candy, chickens and good eats.—Massie-Wright's Saturday.

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## City Briefs

R. D. L. Kibbidge was in court Monday on legal business.

E. Perry of Quanah was in Vernon Tuesday.

Pies, cakes, candy, chickens and good eats.—Massie-Wright's Saturday.

L. G. Hawkins was in Wichita Falls on business Wednesday.

H. J. Struck of Oklahoma City was in Vernon Tuesday.

Pies, cakes, candy, chickens and good eats.—Massie-Wright's Saturday.

W. D. Berry was in Quanah on business Thursday.

Clyde Tennyson returned Wednesday from a visit to Dallas.

Christmas trees, all sizes, for sale by Charles Blair, Phone 514. 97-3p

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kopp of Electric visited in Vernon Wednesday.

Warner Koch of Quanah was in the city Thursday.

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Dr. J. E. Dodson went to Dallas yesterday.

G. F. Weaver of Frederick was in Vernon Thursday.

Homer Crawford of Wichita Falls, is in Vernon.

Mrs. Y. H. Babasin and Mrs. Eugene Keltz were shopping in Wichita Falls Monday.

Plenty of money to loan on farms and ranches. Low rate of interest. See R. B. Sherrill. 97-5c

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Mrs. J. H. Pendleton, who has been quite ill for several weeks, is now able to be up.

Mrs. James Anderson has returned to her home in Fort Worth after a visit with W. G. Anderson.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Castlebury have returned from a ten days' visit at New Orleans.

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Leo Northcraft, son of Mrs. Northcraft of this city, was killed this week in San Antonio, when a street car ran into the car he was driving.

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Miss Odie Camel, who is teacher of expression in Chillicothe this winter, spent the week-end with Miss Mary Weatherford.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Randall, who have been in New Mexico for the past seven months are visiting Mrs. J. A. Randall, Mr. Randall's mother.

Mrs. W. Hale Davis returned home last Sunday. Mrs. Davis had been in Marlin for her health for the past two months.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Skipworth, living in the Talmage community, are the parents of a baby boy born last Wednesday.

Miss Ona Coleman of Houston, daughter of H. L. Coleman, arrived home yesterday to spend the holidays with relatives.

Apex Vacuum Cleaner—an excellent Christmas gift for the housewife—easy payments. Telephone Mr. Plevine, 434, for free demonstration. 97-3p

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Waggoner were in Vernon Wednesday. They returned to Fort Worth Thursday morning.

Mrs. Homer Ferguson returned to her home at Roswell, N. M., yesterday after a visit with Mr. Ferguson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Ferguson.

## MISS FORCE MAY MARRY HERO OF A. E. F.



Miss Katherine Force, sister of Mrs. William K. Dick, the second Mrs. John Jacob Astor, is now reported engaged to Major Lorillard Spencer, a hero of the A. E. F., who was recently divorced. Some time ago Miss Force's engagement to Henri Harnickell, of New York, was announced, but it is now reported to have been broken.

C. M. Blair was in Harrold yesterday collecting taxes. He was accompanied by Mrs. Blair and they had lunch in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lemon.

Mrs. B. C. Bennett and family moved to Frederick, Okla., yesterday. Mr. Bennett has a position with the Frederick Leader there and they expect to make that their permanent home.

Mrs. E. M. Haney has returned from a visit with her father, C. M. Basham, of Wichita Falls. Mr. Basham and family returned with her and spent the week end in the Haney home.

C. E. Lancaster and Jas. S. Oswald of Chillicothe took the Knight Templar work at the local commandery last Tuesday night. Mr. Lancaster is pastor of the First Baptist church of Chillicothe.

Record classified ads for results.

Notice is hereby given that my place, eight and one-half miles northeast of Vernon and known as the D. Magness place, being section 43, block 12, of the H. & T. C. Ry. Co.'s surveys in Wilbarger county, Texas, is posted. Anyone caught hunting on these premises will be prosecuted according to law. S. B. HALFORD, 94-Stc.

This is to notify the public that my farm 12 miles northeast of Vernon is posted. No hunting will be allowed. Please take notice.—L. B. Woodard, 95-3tp.

Judge Green has arrived home for the holidays. Young Green is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Green. He was captain this year of the T. C. U. football club.

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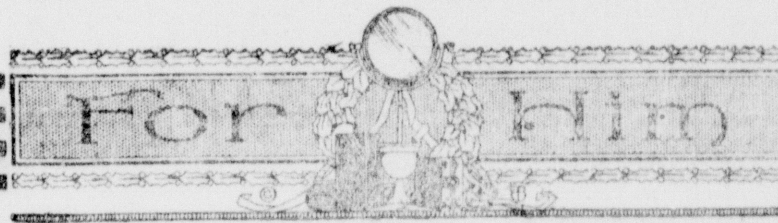
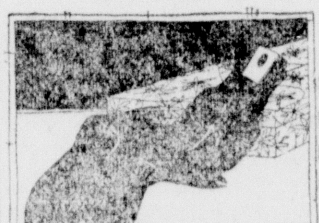
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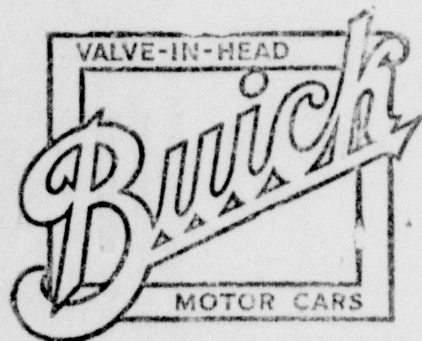
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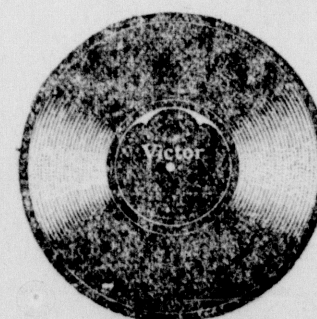
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# WILBARGER COUNTY NEWS

## THALIA

Thalia, Dec. 14.—Rev. W. A. Bentley of Abilene preached at the Christian church Saturday night and Elder Cate of Electra preached Sunday and Sunday night. There was preaching at the Baptist church also, by Rev. Frank McNaair.

The boys of Thalia and Margaret basket ball teams played a game on the Margaret grounds Tuesday afternoon. The scores were 12 and 24 in Thalia's favor.

George Reeves of Blair, Tex., has been visiting relatives and friends here for the past week.

Edd Self, Anna Belle Hammonds and Mrs. Luther Ward have been quite ill this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Adkins were visiting relatives in Crowell Thursday. Rudolph Connel, Alfred Schroeder, Pete Lindsay, Dick Solomon, Capt. Adkins and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Henry, Will Pigg, Misses Pauline Pigg, Emma Main and Annie Wood, Joe French and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Morris, E. V. Cato and family, Mrs. T. M. Haney and daughter, Miss Leta and W. P. Wood, were Crowell visitors Saturday.

W. L. Aubrey moved his family to Crowell Saturday. His children will enter high school there.

Harmon Jones has moved his family to Frank Crew's place, west of town.

Miss Couch, the Dixie school teacher, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fisher here.

Elvy Huffman and Dick Balkin of Floydada, visited W. F. Wood and family Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar McBeth and Mr. and Mrs. Densil McBeth, motored to Vernon Sunday afternoon. Densil and wife will spend the week there visiting the latter's parents, J. W. Wyn and family.

The show Saturday and Monday nights were attended by large crowds. Mrs. Belt and Boon of Taylor county are here this week on business.

J. A. Abston bought the Harry White store last week.

T. M. Haney went to Dallas last week to attend the Farm Bureau meeting.

H. Hammonds and family and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hammonds and little daughter, of Vernon, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Langley Sunday.

Bill Anderson and family of near Vernon visited R. C. Huntley and family here Sunday.

W. D. Burress, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Will Jones, of Stamford, returned Saturday to visit relatives here and at Margaret and Crowell for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Burress Weaver are entertaining a new baby, born the 10th. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Miller returned to their home in Clarendon Wednesday after an extended visit with their daughter, Mrs. C. B. Morris of this place.

Alfred and Emma Schroeder visited Misses Jennie Belle and Martha Louise Ray of Crowell Saturday.

C. J. Fox purchased a new car one day last week.

## FAIRMERS VALLEY

By special correspondence.

Farmers Valley, Dec. 14.—Sunday school Sunday morning was well attended. Several visitors were present.

Mr. Smith and family, who have been living south of Vernon, have moved to the J. J. Blanchard farm.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cox and daughters entertained the young folks Sunday night with a singing.

Little Miss Faye Frost has been on the sick list this last week.

Several from this community attended the ball game Friday afternoon played between Tolbert and Chillicothe on the latter's court.

J. J. Blanchard and family have moved to Vernon. Mr. Tompkins will live on Mr. Blanchard's place the coming week.

F. Blake was a business visitor in Vernon Monday.

A number from this community attended the "rally" at Bailey High Friday night.

Oliver, Zelia and Annie Reynolds, Laura Mote and Odell Shimmmonds, of Tolbert, attended singing at Mr. Cox's Sunday night.

A number from this community have been hauling coal from Tolbert this last week. They are preparing for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Frost and daughter attended the pound supper at Tolbert Friday night that was given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Smith.

## RAYLAND

By special correspondence.

Rayland, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Nettie Robinson, of Eldorado, Kan., has been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jordan and Joe

Jordan were in Crowell Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Deaver and Lola Watson have moved to Parsley Hill where they will farm this coming year.

W. P. Bartley was shaking hands with old friends here Tuesday.

Melvin Crisp of Post City is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crisp, of this community.

## FARGO

By special correspondence.

Fargo, Dec. 14.—Several in this community killed hogs Monday.

Vernon visitors Saturday from Fargo were Mr. and Mrs. Hat Olive, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Olive, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McDaniel, Mrs. Wayne Adams and children, Mrs. Jennie Coffee, Dred McDaniel, R. E. Harrell, Curtis and Jewell Hendrix, Mrs. J. S. Mason, Mrs. Marvin Price, Miss Effie Lindsay, and Miss Laura Wilhelm.

The ladies of the community surprised Mrs. Marvin Price Friday with a shower at the home of Mrs. T. E. Stafford. Mr. and Mrs. Price were married two weeks ago. Mrs. Price was formerly Miss Mammie Richard. There were many beautiful and useful presents presented to her, such as towels, lunch sets, etc.

Mrs. W. H. Beavers has been ill the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Smith visited in Vernon Sunday afternoon.

The new Fargo school building is nearing completion.

Miss Ethel Sweetman, who has been attending State Normal at Denton, returned home last week to undergo an operation for appendicitis. She is reported to be getting along nicely.

The W. M. S. met Thursday afternoon at the Baptist church and rendered a fine program. Those present were Mrs. Sam Camen, Mrs. R. E. Harrell, Mrs. J. T. Marr, Mrs. W. R. McDaniel, Mrs. Mark Neal, Mrs. Joe Parker, Mrs. Lee Parker, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. H. H. Sherer, Miss Flodella Wilkerson and Bonnie McLaughlin. The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 21. Circle No. 1 will have charge of the program.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McDaniel and Drew McDaniel visited relatives at Oklaunion Sunday.

Rev. F. D. Pearson will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

Quarterly conference was held at the Methodist church Saturday and church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Starnes of Oklaunion visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray McDaniel Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Wayne Adams and children are visiting relatives at Quanah.

The Fargo gin burned Thursday night. Origin of the fire is unknown. The owners carried \$8,100 insurance. Preparations are being made to start rebuilding in the near future.

Miss Mattie Lou Mason and Roberta Mason visited at Sherwood the past week-end.

There is prayer meeting at the Baptist church Wednesday night.

Dick Coffee, who is attending Holcomb's Training school at Vernon, visited his mother, Mrs. Coffee, the past week-end.

## WILDCAT

By special correspondence.

Wildcat, Dec. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Richie went to Vernon Monday and visited Mr. Richie's sister, Mrs. J. A. Walker.

Mrs. L. G. and Benton Luttrell were in Vernon Wednesday.

Mrs. Virgil Hildebrand and children Leslie and Oneda, are real sick at this time. Grandpa Adams left last Thursday for east Texas and reports that country is the only place that feels like home to him.

Burford Luttrell had the misfortune of losing his big black mare last Thursday.

Fred Miller is suffering from a badly sprained knee.

Mrs. A. A. Galloway of Vernon is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Patton. Mrs. L. G. Luttrell was ill last week-end.

Miss Annie and Blyn Nunn went to church in Vernon Sunday night.

Henry Richie and family were in Vernon Sunday evening.

Earl Luttrell and family of Hillcrest spent Sunday with L. G. Luttrell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Nunn and Miss Mary Delaney attended church at Mr. Zion Sunday night. They also visited the Ku Klux visit to the church that night.

Mrs. Henry Richie has been ill for several days.

The Home and Demonstration club met Monday with Mrs. John Patton and demonstrated candy making. Candy, stuffed dates and fig meat sandwiches with hot chocolate and cake were then served. Those present were Miss Edna Goodfellow, Mrs. L. G. Luttrell, Mrs. Jasper Burk, Mrs. Frank Hildebrand, Mrs. Galloway of Vernon, Miss Mary Delaney, Miss Cecil Stille and Miss Lydia Russell.

The club will meet with Mrs. W. D. Nunn Jan. 11, and arrange the year book and elect new officers.

The cold weather put the people busy killing hogs as it was the first we have had this winter cold enough for hog killing.

Mr. Hodges, of Farmers Valley, has moved on Grandpa Adams' place.

Mrs. H. P. Droemer was ill with a cold last week.

## PLEASANT VALLEY

By special correspondence.

Pleasant Valley, Dec. 14.—The pie supper at the Pleasant Valley church Friday night was well attended and \$31.55 was raised. Miss Vivian Bell received the cake for the prettiest young lady.

Mr. Cook is on the road to recovery after being very ill with pneumonia.

Among those attending the show at Odell this week were Mr. and Mrs. Edd White, Mrs. Ida Turner and daughters, Misses Jossie and Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Kester and children, Mayo Thomas, Henry Turner and Fred Thomas.

Mr. Rogers has purchased a new touring car.

Charlie Andrews was a business visitor at the E. C. Bratcher home Thursday morning.

Misses Essie Floyd and Trixy Coffey and Miss Pearl Floyd of White City, attended the pie supper Friday night at the church.

Several of this community attended the first quarterly conference.

## PARSLEY HILL

By special correspondence.

Parsley Hill, Dec. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Homer Siglar of Oklahoma, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Godfrey Streit and one of their cousins are here also.

Rev. Edmonson, of Vernon, visited in the McNabb home Friday night.

Mr. West from Duncan, Okla., sang at the school house Sunday night. Everyone enjoyed the singing and a large crowd attended.

Mrs. Yarbrough is visiting her husband and son at the Parsley Hill gin.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Streit have installed a radio set in their home 14 miles southwest of Vernon.

W. P. Banta from Miami, Tex., is here spending a few days with friends

and relatives. He preached at Parsley Hill church Sunday morning and night. Mr. Banta formerly lived here several years ago.

Dave Berlsmith and Rallie Neel returned Saturday from the plains.

T. P. Hallman and son, Rashie, and wife and Miss Alta Hallman, of Station, Tex., are visiting Walter Price

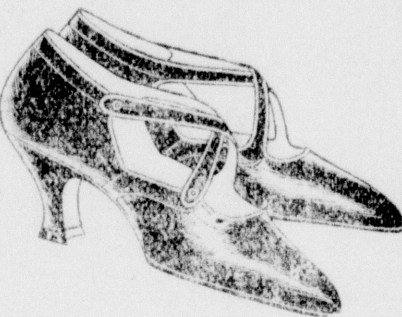
and H. D. Hallman.

Win. Dempsey of Station, Tex., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. H. D. Hallman.

Miss Verna Neel spent Saturday night and Sunday with Jewell and Jet-tie Box.

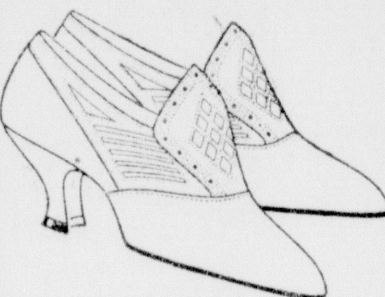
J. D. Causey has purchased a new car.

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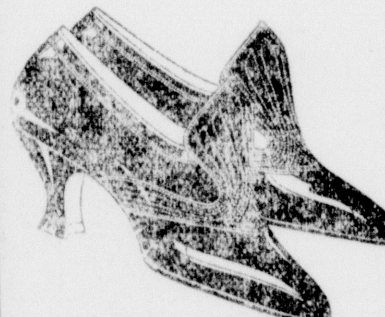
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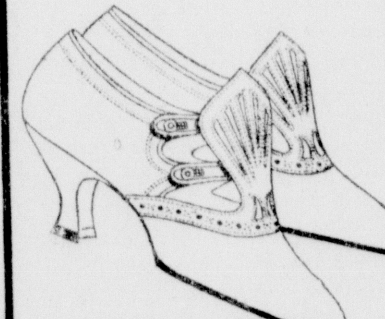
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## KEY TO REFORM IS TOLD BY MINISTER

REV. J. A. BIRNBAUM DISCUSSES  
CHRISTIANITY AS CURE  
FOR ALL ILLS

The strange fact that the world has been in almost constant process of reform since the dawn of written history but is still almost as badly in need of reform as ever was forcibly pointed out by Rev. J. A. Birnbaum, pastor of the Lutheran church, in a recent sermon. Rev. Birnbaum said in part:

"Ever since sin entered into the world there has been a need for reform; at times this need has been felt more keenly than at other times, but it has always been there. Just before the reformation conditions had become so corrupt that a change from the better was not only desirable but positive necessity to keep the world from going to ruin. That the world is again in need of sweeping reform is a fact which is generally felt and conceded by the people of our day and time. The whole world seems to be in a turmoil affecting all classes and conditions of men. Look at the political upheaval brought forth by the world war. Look at the industrial world and note the relation between capital and labor. Look at the world from a social viewpoint and note the immense fortunes of the few whilst the masses are groaning under the heavy burden of the high cost of living. Look at the world from a religious viewpoint. What has become of the old time religion? The modern up-to-date preacher has other matters to attend to. He must play an important role in every new movement inaugurated for the moral or the political or the social uplift of humanity, he must entertain, he must devise means and ways to raise money for the church. He must taste and give expert criticism on the value of the soup and cake and the ice cream sold for the benefit of the church. He is indeed a most occupied man, hence he rarely, if ever, finds time to devote himself to the study of Christ and to present to his hearers. Him of Moses and the Prophets have written and if the preachers have already gotten so far away from religion, what can be expected of the hearers? If the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation, is no longer preached, how, then, can it exert its beneficial power upon the church goers.

### A Vanished Eutopia

"There was a time when the need of reform was not so keenly felt as it is today. Just before the outbreak of the World War there were many who were of the opinion that we were not only going from bad to better but were most strongly convinced that we were about to obtain that highest point of perfection beyond which reforms became impossible. Much was heard in those days about the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man and how this doctrine would be generally accepted and put into practice and put an end, yes, make impossible all strife and war, supplanting hatred with love. I heard ministers who were so firm in their conviction that they proclaimed: 'In ten years Jesus Christ will own the world.' The ten years are nearing their completion and unless I am badly mistaken the Devil never had a firmer grip on the world than he has today. In short that the world is very much in need of reform today is such an outstanding fact that few if any will deny it.

"If then we are in need of reforms we are equally in need of reformers. Now of reformers there is no lack. You will find them anywhere, in the kitchen and in the parlor, in the school on the street corners and at police stations. Wherever you may go, you are apt to find men who will catch you by your coat collar and tell you that if they were to make the laws they would change certain conditions with which they happen to be dissatisfied. But the trouble is that reformers do not reform. Since the time hallelujah men have reformed the world and yet the world is as much if not more, in need of reforms today than at any time, hence there must be something wrong with this process of reform, be it that the world is incapable of being reformed or that wrong methods and means have been used and employed for its reformation. Our text shows us where the trouble lies. Hence let us consider with the aid of the Holy Ghost the reasons why most reformers do not reform. 1. That the first requisite of reform is a change of heart. 2. That the change of heart can not be wrought except by faith in Christ.

### Deceitfulness of the Heart

"Our text at once strikes at the very root of all evil necessitating reforms when it says: 'And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.' God has searched man's heart and he has told us in His word the condition in which he has found it. The Prophet says: 'The heart is deceitful above all things.' Furthermore 'the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth.' From these and other passages of Holy writ we plainly see that after the fall man's heart is corrupt, that it can not be reformed until it has undergone a great change. Since man's heart is wicked and since his heart controls all his actions, it stands to reason that man can not be reformed unless his heart is first changed. Our Savior therefore, when referring to the natural man, 'to that, which is of the flesh,' does not speak of a reformation but of a new birth saying: 'Except a man be born again.' It is in this new birth that a new heart is created within us, a heart capable of reforms. Now it is this fact that is overlooked by most of our reformers. Most of them hold the opinion that natural man is good at heart and comparing him to a blank graphophone disk which receives its impression according to what is spoken or sung into the machine. The doctrine of original sin, according to which our nature has been totally depraved, deprived of its original righteousness and inclined to all that is evil, is either flatly denied or silently ignored. The Ps. says: 'Behold I was shapen in iniquity and in sin my mother conceived me.' But they say I was good by nature and if I am not now morally perfect it is due to the evil impression which I have received from without. Man is what he is made to be by his environments. That this doctrine is opposed to the teaching of the Bible we have already noticed, nor is it in accord with human experience and observation. Who of us has not observed time and again, that children are always more ready to learn and copy evil than good? Yes, if we call to mind our own childhood we will have to admit that we ourselves were no exception to this rule. We must admit that we have thought evil thoughts which were not suggested by anything from without, and that we have done evil deeds which we copied from no one."

### Only One Method Open

The minister then declared that "unless the desperately wicked heart of

man changed" all efforts at reform must prove unavailing. The only way a change of heart can be effected, he stated, is through faith in Christ.

"This faith has the same power today," he asserted, "as it had in the time of our Savior.

"Luther proclaimed it, and his name has gone down in history as the reformer of the church. Nor was his influence simply felt in the church, but like a little leaven, it has leavened the whole lump of the civilized world. The Lutheran church of today is doing the same thing which Luther did, proclaiming God's free grace to the sinners for Christ sake, and wherever this message enters into the hearts of sinners it changes and purifies the heart. If we will only continue to do what Christ told us to do, preach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments as he instituted them, we shall be instrumental not only in saving immortal souls but we shall also be and remain a great power for good in this world.

"Could we only induce every one to embrace in true faith Christ as his Savior there would be little need for reform left, everybody would be willing to do his duty, not for selfish gain but for the welfare of all mankind.

"But the wise men of the world will continue to reject the Gospel. It is foolishness unto them. They can not understand how faith in Christ is able to do so great things. They think what the law cannot do especially when it is enforced with a sword and gunpowder, surely cannot be done by faith in Christ. Whenever and wherever the message of God's free grace in Christ is proclaimed it is always called forth a storm of protest, not only from the unbelieving children of this world but also from the false prophets. It has been claimed that such doctrine would encourage the sinner to continue in his service of sin, and would encourage him to say I believe that my sins are all forgiven for Christ's sake and I shall be saved.

"People who speak thus of faith do not know the nature of faith. If I

believe that God out of love to me, a lost and condemned sinner offered up his son for me, I cannot but feel grateful toward my benefactor and exclaim with the Psalmist: 'O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good and his mercy endureth for ever.' If I am tempted to evil deeds I will say with Joseph: 'How can I do such wicked things and sin against God?' The desire uppermost in the heart of every believer is to know the Lord's will and to do it. True faith always is followed by good works. As little as you can separate heat from fire, so little can you separate good works from the life of a faithful Christian.

### Faith a Purifier

"Faith purifies the heart. Let us my friends give heed to this great lesson which we have learned from our text today. If we are the happy possessors of this faith let us thank God for having called us by his Gospel and ask him to keep us in true faith unto our blessed end.

"If we are yet without true faith, let us hear and study the word, the words which are spirit and life. They will quicken us through the operation of God the Holy Spirit, they will create faith in us and renew a right spirit within us. This faith will save our souls and moreover will also influence our lives that we shall become instruments for great good to our fellow men and to the world at large, in other words, make of us real reformers. Amen.

### FAIR CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF AGRICULTURAL ABILITY

A practically undeveloped agricultural section, Nine Mile community, in the central part of Johnson county, Wyo., has convinced itself and its neighbors that profitable crops can be grown here, through a community fair held in September, according to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture. There are more than 4,000 square miles in Johnson county; it has two towns, one with a population of 1,500, the other of about 200. Its ag-

riculture has been confined largely to the production of live stock under open-range conditions, an industry extensive enough in the past to place the county among the richest in the state. Within the last five years, however, because of severe droughts and the fencing of much of the grazing areas by homesteaders, interest has been aroused in a more diversified farming system. An agricultural extension agent was placed in the county in 1921 and through his efforts a number of

ranchmen, particularly in Nine Mile community, where conditions seem well adapted to dry farming, have undertaken to follow methods he advocated in cultivation of forage and grain crops. A number of gardens also were planted.

To provide a place for the exhibits at the fair and seating accommodations for visitors, the committee provided a temporary shelter made of canvas tarpaulins and logs. Poles and lumber are very scarce in this section

of the country, but each farmer contributed his share of material necessary by bringing all the canvas, poles and planks that he could spare from his place. When the community fair opened, September 7, there were nearly 500 entries of farm and garden products, boys' and girls' club exhibits, and domestic arts contributions. A musical program was given, games played, a basket lunch served and talks made on dry farming. More than 400 people attended the fair.

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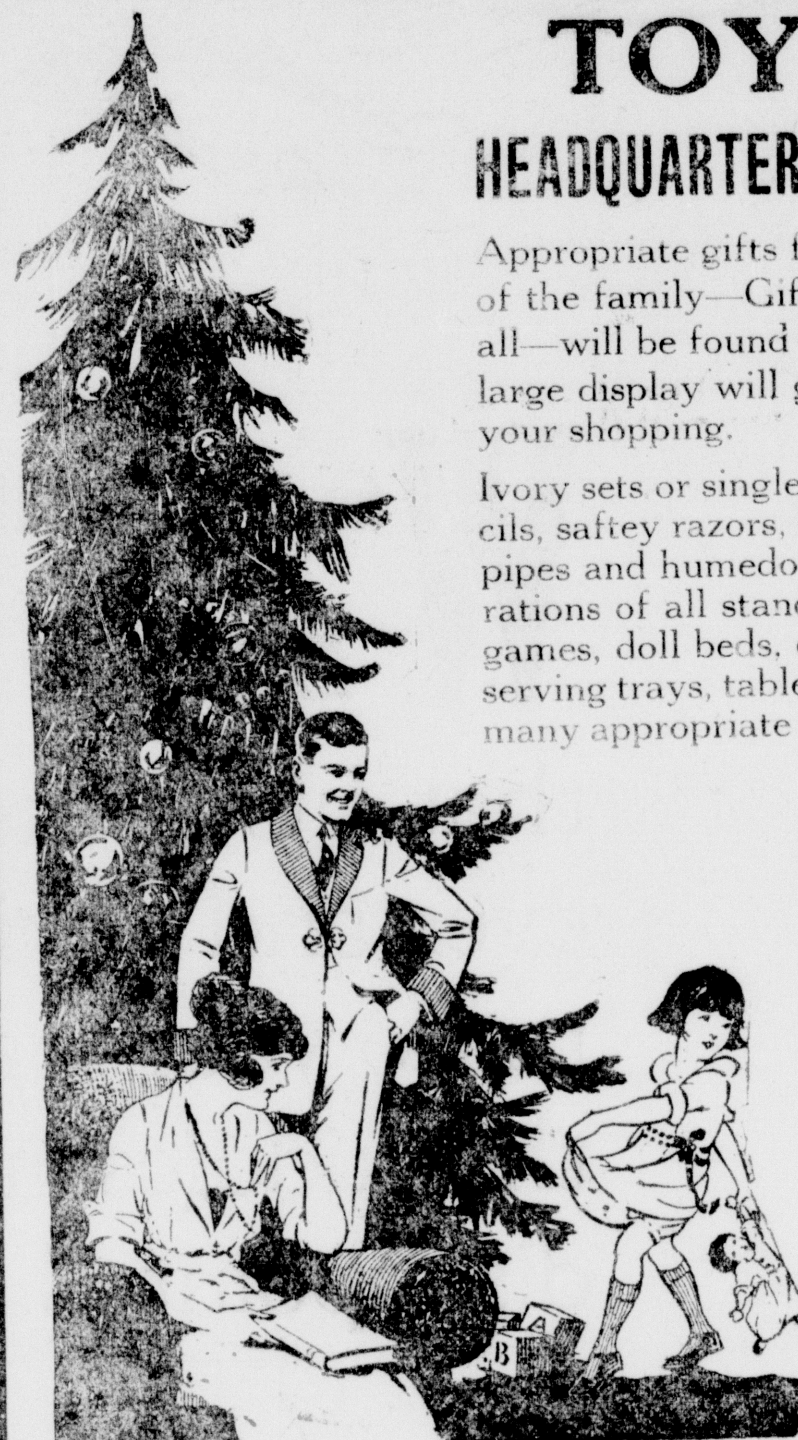
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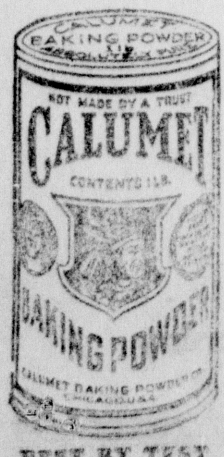
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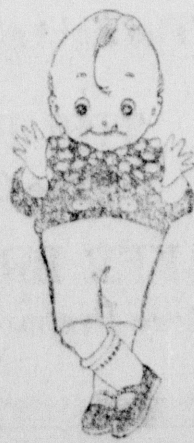
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# THE LAST DAY

## Last Day!

The Day of Days is almost here!

Tomorrow is the last day of balloting!

When the clock points to the hour of 12 Saturday night, there will have ended the shortest, the most liberal and the hardest fought newspaper circulation campaign ever conducted in this vicinity.

It has been predicted that this will be a race of narrow margins; hence every subscription, no matter how small, is valuable. Think what victory means in this race—Luxury, Pleasure, Riches—the very best things that life holds out are in store for some. Who! Ah, that is a matter that only hustle and organizing ability will determine.

This has been a fairly fought campaign. It has been conducted along absolutely impartial lines. The best campaigners are going to win. Those who apply themselves during every minute of the time there is left are the ones whose chances are most likely. The battle of ballots has been waged at a heart-breaking pace these last few days, and many surprises may be sprung by the quite but energetic workers. Who knows how many have bridged the gap from bottom to success since the vote standing last appeared?

This uncertainty has stimulated every candidate to increase his or her vote total to the very limit of their ability, for each has realized that their competitors are doing the same thing.

## Saturday is the last chance!

The stage is set; everything is in readiness for the overwhelming rush of votes and subscriptions that will come. Every hour that remains has possibilities. But every minute counts. One supreme final effort tomorrow may land that prize for which you have been working and have set your heart upon. The friends who have responded with supporting force can hardly refuse at the moment when a little helping may mean victory.

Candidates must send or bring their subscriptions in by 12 o'clock Saturday night or they will not be credited.

Every stub must be accompanied by a remittance to cover same and no money will be refunded after the votes have been issued on same. This rule will be strictly enforced for the mutual protection of The Vernon Record and the many candidates.

There is still time to wage a winning race. Reward hovers near for those who have the stamina to grasp it. Only a little added work may place you among the happy circle who will be honored by one of the many prizes.

The judges who have been selected to count the votes for the final standing will start their task and will finish by Sunday morning if possible. The winners will be announced and the results published Tuesday or placed on a bulletin in The Vernon Record window Sunday, depending upon the time it requires to make the final count.

## The Judges

Some of the members of the Advisory Board, selected at the beginning of the campaign, will be asked to act as judges; to canvass the finding in the ballot box, and to award the prizes. The personnel of this board is as follows:

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Lumber Dealer

R. D. HURT  
Farmer

T. J. MILNER  
Farmer

T. C. FROST  
Farmer

LON BYARS  
Farmer and Banker

R. D. L. KILLOUGH  
Lawyer

A. M. BOURLAND  
Farmer and Banker

All of these gentlemen are well known to everyone in Vernon and surrounding territory, and the final result, as given out by them, will be beyond dispute.

### Fourth Period Vote Schedule

The last week (terminating December 16) the following number of votes will be issued on subscriptions:

1 year	\$ 2.00	3,000	3 years	\$ 6.00	30,000	5 years	10.00	60,000
2 years	4.00	15,000	4 years	8.00	45,000	6 years	12.00	90,000

The above schedule of votes, which is on a declining basis, will positively not be raised during the campaign. A special ballot, good for 100,000 extra votes, will be issued on every "club" of \$12.00 in subscriptions turned in. A "club" may be composed of small or large subscriptions, totaling \$12.00 worth. No subscriptions will be accepted for over six years from any contestant.

## RIGHT NOW

With the end of the campaign but a few hours away, and the race apparently so close that a few big subscriptions now from unexpected sources might be the very ones necessary to stem the tide of defeat and turn it to sweeping victory, candidates are straining every nerve in final efforts for supremacy, while all of Wilbarger and surrounding counties are watching, waiting, wondering—and hustling for their favorites. Now is the time, if ever, to help YOUR favorite in this race for rich prizes, the winning of which means honor, glory and the equivalent of a small fortune. Your subscription now for two, three or six years may be the deciding factor in this race. Here's an opportunity to do a real kindness for a friend; a little lift that may mean a prize worth \$1,485 for him or her, and without costing you a cent more than you would pay for your paper anyway. Don't wait to be asked to subscribe, for in these last frantic days the one you would like to help may not be able to reach you. Campaign closes promptly at 12 o'clock Saturday night, December 16.



## PROFITABLE HOME ORCHARD POSSIBLE

By W. E. Latham, Assistant Director, Extension Service, A. & M. College of Texas

We are inclined to measure profit in dollars and cents. But we must acknowledge that money can not always purchase the real benefits which make life worth while. Health, happiness and contentment are the greatest assets in the farm home and the most profitable farm practices must of necessity be those which are conducive to the promotion of such a state of existence.

Doctors and dieticians have mutually agreed that fruit in the diet is conducive to a healthful family, while money cannot measure the happiness produced in the home by fresh peaches, apples, plums, berries, etc., to say nothing of apple dumplings, peach cobbler, jam, preserves, etc. These are essential to complete home life and may best be obtained by a home orchard. In fact a home orchard to be the most profitable does not necessarily mean one from which the fruit is sold, but it is the orchard that furnishes an abundance of wholesome fruit the year around, either fresh or canned, for the farmer's table. We are too prone to think only of the physical man's fitness for farm practices, but the mental man is much more vital to success. The farmer who has a balanced diet will think clearer and do better work, and thus be in a better position to practice profitable farming, while a happy, healthy family will save doctor bills, lost sleep, and worry and keep the farmer in a good frame of mind to plan and work his other crops.

### Fruit Growing Neglected

Fruit growing has been sadly neglected in Texas and there are fewer bearing fruit trees on Texas farms than there were ten years ago. Peaches are probably more generally grown over the state than any other fruit, yet ten years ago there were over seven thousand more farms growing peaches than there are today, about five thousand more farms growing plums, while the pear, which will come nearer growing in all parts of the state than any other fruit, is produced on almost four thousand less farms than ten years ago.

One reason that the commercial production has decreased during the past ten years, is that much of the land was planted to fruit that is not suitable to fruit production. However, there is no reason why some kind of fruit should not be grown on practically every Texas farm. The time has passed, however, if there ever was such a time, when trees can simply be planted and then left alone and expected to bear profitably.

The first thing in planting a home orchard is to select the proper site. Most any fertile, well drained soil which will produce other farm crops profitably will grow an orchard. The site, however, should be selected as close as practicable to the house, since most of the fruit is harvested by the household. It is not practical at this time to attempt to give varieties, as varieties that will succeed well in one section of the state might be an absolute failure in others, so it is suggested that the would-be planter consult his local nurseryman and visit orchards that are bearing, then select the varieties that are apparently making the best success.

**Guarding Against Diseases**  
For deciduous fruits, one year old stock from three to five feet in height

is the best. Make sure that the stock is absolutely free from any insects or diseases, especially crown gall and San Jose scale. The amateur planter will do well to patronize only a reliable nursery. The itinerant tree peddler is usually more concerned in selling trees than in having them grow. This is not an argument for the catalogue nurseryman, but is a suggestion that one deal with a nurseryman who is in the business to stay and who will take a personal interest in the tree's growing.

The best time, on the average, to plant is late fall or early spring. The land should be in as good condition as is necessary for an ordinary farm crop such as cotton or corn. A good average distance is 25 feet apart for most deciduous fruits. This will give about 70 trees to the acre, and if varieties are properly selected so as to ripen in succession, will give a supply of some kind of fruit over most of the season. It is necessary only to dig the holes deep enough to take care of the roots of the young trees without crowding. The tree should be planted about the same depth in the orchard that it stood in the nursery. Fill the hole with top soil, taking care that the soil is worked tightly around the roots. Probably more trees die from allowing the roots to dry out by not having the soil packed firmly, than for any other one reason. Before planting, of course, any broken or diseased roots should be cut off, and after the tree is planted if it is merely a whip, as the best type of tree should be, it should be cut off about knee high from the ground. If there are a number of stocky side branches, three to five of these well distributed around the trunk, may be left to form the future scaffold limbs of the tree, and these should be cut back about two-thirds. All other limbs should be cut off close to the trunk. This is all the pruning that is required.

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J. H. KINCHELOE.

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## Foster's Weather Bulletin

Washington, Dec. 11.—Things are not what they seem. A large number of my readers are slow to learn that old fact. I have often told you this, but letters continue to come saying the storms do not come from the northwest. They stick to the idea that the storms move with the wind. When angry clouds indicate that a severe storm is organizing stand with your left hand in that direction from which the wind blows, and if organized storm has reached you, you will be facing the center of the storm, the clouds will be flying with the wind and the storm will be moving in some other direction; the wind blows in a circle around the center of the storm. But before the organized storm reaches you the clouds fly with the wind and nearly toward the center of the storm. If the center of the storm passes over you the clouds will break away, but temperatures remain high; then look out for the worst part of the storm to follow. Black clouds indicate a great storm. Green clouds a tornado; clouds like an elephant's trunk warns that a tornado is near. Clouds with rough edges indicate no danger; with rounded, and smooth edges warns you of danger. A cold wave, or blizzard, comes down in an opposite whirl and blows outward on all sides. Local forecasts follow:

Section 1: North of 47, between 90 and Rockies' crest: lowest temperatures 17 and 28, highest 22 and 30; average near normal; severe storms and most moisture near 23; normal moisture 22 to 27.

Section 2: North of 47, east of 90; highest temperatures 16 and 24; lowest 13 and 30; average near normal; most severe storms and most rain following 24; normal moisture 24 to 30.

Section 3: Between 39 and 47 and between 90 and Rockies' crest: lowest temperatures 18 and 28; highest 15 and 22; average warmer than usual; most severe storms and moisture following 22; normal moisture 22 to 28.

Section 4: East of 90, between latitudes 39 and 47; highest temperatures 15 and 27, lowest 19 and 29; average warmer than usual; most severe storms and most moisture 22 to 29; moisture near normal.

Section 5: South of 39, between 90 and Rockies' crest: highest temperatures 16 and 22, lowest 19 and 28; average near normal; most severe storms following 22 and most moisture. Normal moisture 22 to 28.

Section 6: South of 39, east of 90; highest temperatures 18 and 24; lowest 21 and 30; average near normal; most

severe storms and most moisture following 24; normal moisture 24 to 30.

Section 7: North of 43 1-2 west of Rockies' crest: lowest temperatures 16 and 26; highest 20 and 29; most severe storms and most moisture following 20; normal moisture 20 to 26.

Section 8: South of 43 1-2 to Mexican line, west of Rockies, crest: lowest temperatures 16 and 26; highest 20 and 30; average near normal; most severe storms and moisture following 20; normal moisture 20 to 26.

Within twelve months from first day of next month one of the greatest drouths will strike North America and cause long and serious damages to one-third of the continent. That will make the seventh great continental drouth I have predicted in seven years; six of them are in the past and the records prove that the forecasts were good. Is that enough to make you think? About 300 of the best friends of my weather work have my complete description of that great drouth. They will be my witnesses that I fully described that crop-killer more than a year in advance. I am still working on and will soon complete the system that will indicate the years when the best crops will be produced in the high lands and when in the low; I know it will work and will be of great interest to all agricultural lands on all parts

of this continent, particularly middle Canada and the great plains east of the Rockies.

### RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call hence our esteemed friend and brother, Judge Sterling P. Huff; be it therefore resolved, that we, members of E. T. Murchison chapter No. 424 Order of the Eastern Star desire to extend our condolence to the bereaved ones in this hour of deep sorrow and assure them of our sincere wish to aid and comfort them in the loss of the husband and father and our brother in the Eastern Star.

Brother Huff was a charter member of this chapter and was at all times faithful in the discharge of his duties. He was a living example worthy of emulation. In his death we have sustained a great loss.

Be it further resolved; that a copy be published in our local papers.

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